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Date of Sailing.	Steamer.	Tons.	Connecting at Aden with	Tons.
16th Dec.	ARABIA	8209	....	....
23rd ,,	SALSETTE	6000	MOLDAVIA	10000
30th ,,	MALOJA	11000	....	....
1912				
6th Jan.	SALSETTE	6000	MONGOLIA	10000
13th ,,	PERSIA	8000	....	....
20th ,,	SALSETTE	6000	MOOLTAN	10000
27th ,,	OCEANA	7000	....	....
3rd Feb.	SALSETTE	6000	MALWA	11000
10th ,,	CHINA	8000	....	....
17th ,,	SALSETTE	6000	MANTUA	11000
24th ,,	EGYPT	8000	....	....
2nd Mar.	MACEDONIA	10000	....	....
9th ,,	ARABIA	8000	....	....
16th ,,	SALSETTE	6000	MOREA	11000
23rd ,,	*ARCADIA	7000	....	....
23rd ,,	PERSIA	8000	....	....
30th ,,	MARMORA	10000	....	....
6th April.	MOOLTAN	10000	....	....
13th ,,	SALSETTE	6000	MOLDAVIA	11000
20th ,,	MANTUA	11000	....	....
27th ,,	SALSETTE	6000	MALOJA	12000
4th May.	EGYPT	8000	....	....
11th ,,	SALSETTE	6000	MONGOLIA	10000
18th ,,	ARABIA	8000	....	....

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Circassia	6716	C. F. Osborne R.N.R.	3rd Jan. 1912
Scindia	5103	W. Kelso	23rd ,, ,,

HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON 1912.

	Tonnage.	Captain.	Leave Bombay
Castalia	6388	G. Mitchell	7th Feb. 1912
*Elysia	6303	A. Haig	24th Feb. ,,
Massilia	5091	J. Thomson	8th Mar. ,,
Olympia	5124	R. H. Brown, R.N.R.	23rd ,, ,,
Circassia	6716	C.F. Osborne R.N.R.	6th Apr. ,,
Scindia	5103	Wm. Kelso	21st ,, ,,
Castalia	6388	G. Mitchell	3rd May ,,
*Elysia	6303	A. Haig	17th ,, ,,
Massilia	5091	J. Thomson	2nd June ,,

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Kola	1205	Thurs. 14th Dec.	9 a.m.	*C. M.
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*Cutch Mandvie.
†Or later on arrival of English Mail Steamer.

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Ville-dela Ciotat	6378	Eschenauer	15th Feb. 1912.
Nera	5589	....	14th Mar. 1912.
Oceanien	4143	Cousin	11th April 1912.
Armand Behic	6385	Gulonnet	9th May 1912.
Yarra	4142	Rosati	6th June 1912.

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All should be in their seats by 11-45 A.M.

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S. M. EDWARDES,
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Bombay, 1st December, 1911.

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A SPACE near the saluting point will be RESERVED for Officers of His Majesty's Services and gentlemen entitled to the entree at Government House and the ladies of their families on the occasion of the public reading of the ROYAL PROCLAMATION of the CORONATION of Their Imperial MAJESTIES the KING-EMPEROR and QUEEN-EMPRESS at the Oval on the 12th December, 1911 at 12 noon. Tickets for this enclosure may be obtained on application to the Collector of Bombay, at the Town Hall.

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6th December, 1911.

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1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and Audited Balance Sheet for the year ended 30th June, 1911.
2. To appoint a Director in place of one retiring.
3. To confirm the appointment of a Director.
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Bombay, 11th December, 1911.

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DAILY MARKET REPORT.

LONDON MARKETS.

LONDON, DEC. 8.] [BOMBAY, DEC. 9.

FINANCIAL.

	Rates.	Plus.	Minus.
2½ per cent. Consols	76 15-16		1-8
do. Rentes	95 3-4	un	chgd
3 1-2 do. Sterling Loan	93 1-4	un	chgd
1-2 do. Gov. Securities	64 5-8	1-16	
Bar Silver in London	25 5-8		1-16
do. 2 months' hence	25 7-16		1-16
Bar Silver in New York	55 1-2		1-8
Exchange on London at Paris	25-22 1-2	1-2	
do. do. at Berlin	20-45		1-2
do. do. New York	4-85 3-4		1-4
Discount Bank of England Rate	4 p.c.	since	
do. Short London Bills	21st Sept		
3 months' sight	3 7-8	1-8	
do, Indian Bank Bills 6 months' sight	3 1-2	un	chgd
do. 3 months' Fine Trade Bills	4 1-4	un	chgd
do. 6 months' Fine Trade Bills	4 1-4	un	chgd
Interest day-to-day Loans	3 1-4		
do. 7 day Market Loans	3 1-4		

Bar Gold ... 77-9 unchgd

Exchange on India, 30 days' sight (Bank's buying rate) 1 3 31-32 unchgd.

Closing Tone of Silver—Rise caused by brass covering.

Amount paid into Bank of England about £100,000.

SPECIE SHIPMENTS.

Silver to Bombay ... £192,000
Bar Gold to Bombay ... £100,000
Sovereigns to Bombay ... £ 10,000

COTTON.

LIVERPOOL— Steady, moderate business.

Spot
Futures Barely steady.
East Indian ...
Manchester Quiet moderate enquiry.
Total Sales ... 7,000 bales
Sold on Speculation and for Export ... 1,000 "
Imports ... 36,000 "
Mid-Americans ... 5-04 unchgd
Egyptian F. G. F. Brown 9 1-4 unchgd

FUTURE DELIVERY PRICES :—

Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-Apr.	April-May.
4-84	4-85	4-87	4-89	4-91
—06	—06	—06	—05	—05
May-June	June-July	July-Aug.	Aug.-Sept.	
4-93	4-95	4-96	4-96	
—05	—05	—06	—06	

New York Official noon call Jan. 8-72, May 8-88.

New Orleans Official noon call Jan. 8-86, May 9-01.

LIVERPOOL COTTON STATISTICS— Bales.

Total actual Exports		9,000
do	Forwarded	111,000
do	Imports	150,000
do	Stock	638,000
Stock of Cotton in London		3,740
40s Bonner Mill Twist		9 7-8
George Mayall's Yarns		9
Dhoties—Steady—More business doing.		
Shirtings—Quiet and steady.		

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.

	Bales.
Week's Receipts of cotton at U. S. Ports	463,000
Do. exports to Great Britain	140,000
Do. do. to France and Continent	130,000
Do. do. to Japan	10,000
Stock of cotton at U. S. Ports	1,899,000
Do. do. at Interior Ports	875,000

NEW YORK—

	Bales.
Receipts at all U. S. Ports	169,000
Receipts at U. S. last year	72,000
Exports to Great Britain	28,000
Exports to Continent	7,000
Spot Cotton—	
Futures—Month of Jan. 8-64—22	Declined on bearish Government Ginners, report and longs unloading.
Futures—Month of May 8-90—23	
NEW ORLEANS—	
Spot Cotton	9 3-16—1-16
Futures—Month of Jan.	8 75—26
Do. do May	8-91—25
Tone of Spot Cotton	Easy.

GINNERS' REPORT.

Washington, Dec. 8.

The United States Census Bureau gives the amount of cotton ginned upto 1st December 12,815,000 Bales.

WHEAT.

Wheat White Delhi	Nominal.
Do. Months—	.....
Do. Name of Ports—	.....
Wheat White Karachi	36 unchgd
Do. Months—Dec.-Jan.	
Do. Name of Ports—London—Buyers.	
Wheat Red Karachi	35 3-4 unchgd
Do. Months—Dec.Jan.—London—Nominal.	
Tone—Firm.	

SOUTH AMERICAN.

Rosario Santa Fe—62lbs.	35+1-4
Do. Months—Jan.-Feb.—Sellers—Firm.	
Barletta Russo 62 1-2lbs	No Sellers.
	Firm.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN.

South Australian	35 3-4 unchgd
Do. Months—Jan.-Feb.—Sellers.	
Victorian	35 3-4 unchgd
Do. Months—Jan.-Feb.—Sellers.	
New South Wales	35 3-4 unchgd
Do. Months—Jan.-Feb.—Sellers.	

SEEDS.

RAPESEED—

Yellow Cawnpore per 416 lbs., 85 p.c. ex-ship	Nominal.
Do. Months—	.....
Do. Name of Ports—	.....
Yellow Guzerat, per 416 lbs, 85 p. c. ex-ship	Nominal
Do. Months—	.....
Do. Name of Ports.—	.....
Brown Cawnpore	45 1-2+1-2
Do. Months—Feb.-Mar.	
Do. Name of Ports—Antwerp—Nearest value.	
Tone—Steady.	

LINSEED—

Bombay per 416 lbs ex-ship	59+1-2
Do. Months—Feb.-Mar.	
Do. Name of Ports—Dunkirk—Value.	
Tone—Firmer.	

COTTONSEED—

Bombay Cottonseed	£6-12-6—1s.
	Dec.-Jan.—Hull—Nearest value.
Tone—Easier.	
Linseed Argentine—La Plata	58 1-4 unchgd
Do. Months—Feb.-March.	
Do. Name of Ports—Hamburg, Done and sellers.	

MISCELLANEOUS.

COFFEE—	
In New York Fair Rio (No. 7 quality)	14 1-2 unchgd
RUBBER—	
Para Rubber	4 5 1-2
	Dec.-Jan.—Sellers, quiet but steady.
METALS—	
Copper Braziers	£ 70 1-4 unchgd
Yellow Metal	d 6 3-16 unchgd,
Standard Copper G M B	£58 15-16+5-8
Bar Iron, Belgian No. 2 ordinary sizes	
F. O. B. Antwerp	5 2 6
Iron Corrugated Sheets 24 gauge G.O.B. 4 per cent. F. O. B. Liverpool	11 5 0
Basic Steel Bars Belgian C. I. F. India	5 13 9
FREIGHT—	
Coals—Cardiff to Bombay	12 6—Value unchgd
SUGAR—	
German granulated sugar C. and F. India double bags	19-7 1-2 unchgd
Do. Months of Shipment	Jan.-Mar.—Sellers
Tone—Steady, very little doing and prices unchanged	
Hungarian Crystals Sugar C & F India	Neglected and nominal
Do. Months of Shipments	.....
German Beet-root 88 p. c.	16 3 1-2—2
Months of Shipments	Jan.—Sellers.
Tone—Quiet. Demand small, prices, easier.	
E A B & Similar Crystals C & F India	21 2 1-4—1-4
Months of Shipments	Mar.-Aug—Sellers.
Tone—Very little enquiry.	
Mauritius Crystal C & F Calcutta and Bombay	16 6 unchgd
Months of Shipments	Dec.—Value
Tone—Quiet.	

JAVA SUGAR.

Raw Java Nos 16×18 C and F Calcutta	Dec.
Do. do.	July-Oct—1912
Raw Java C and F Bombay and Karachi	Dec.
Do.	July-Oct.—1912
Fine White Java C & F Calcutta	.....
Do.	July-Oct.—1912.
Fine White Java C and F Bombay and Karachi	Dec.
Do.	July-Oct.—1912.
Tone—Still without activity.	

BOMBAY MARKETS.

SATURDAY EVENING.] [9th DEC. 1911.

FINANCIAL.

EXCHANGE:—

The market opened quiet but steady and unchanged. There has been little fresh business offering to-day being mail day. Far Eastern rates are rather steadier.

We quote :—

T. T. on London	1s. 4 1-32d. to 1-16d
Demand Drafts	1s. 4 1-16d.
Credits 3 months' sight	1s. 4 9-32d.
Do. do forward	1s. 4 9-32d. Feb.
Do. do France	171
Do. do Marks	139 1-4
Hongkong 60 days' sight	137 1-4
Shanghai "	132
Japan "	150

GOVERNMENT PAPER :—

The market opened at 96 11-16 for Cash and 96 1-2 for the Settlement. Only a small business has been done and rates close as under:—

We quote :—

Cash	Rs. 96 10 0
Settlement	" 96 8 0

BULLION:—

Bar Silver in London yesterday closed 1-16 higher at 25 5-8 for ready and 25 7-16 for delivery in two months. New York was 1-8 up at 55 1-2. The local market opened rather easier and closes steady as under.

We quote :—

English Bar Gold	Rs 23 15 0
Australian "	" 23 15 0
Sovereigns "	" 14 15 0
Silver Ready ex-dity	" 64 1 0
" 1st Settlement	" 64 1 0
" 2nd "	" 64 4 0

COTTON.

MARKET REPORT:—

The Ginners' Report received to-day gives the amount of cotton ginned up to 1st December as 12,814,000 bales. In the last big crop year, 1908, the number of bales ginned to same date was 11,008,000. During the period since the last Ginners' report, 1,544,000 bales have been ginned, against 1,412,000 in the same time in 1908. For comparison the figures may be of use, but as a guide to the out-turn of the crop they are of little value at this time. The Home markets have taken the Report as bearish and a fairly sharp drop has occurred which however will probably be only temporary.

The local market opened easier in sympathy with the decline in America, and good Broach was quoted Rs. 249. During the afternoon prices were Rs. 2 lower than the opening rates but at the close they are again steadier. A moderate business was done at Colaba. Closing rates at 6 p.m. were as under.

Ready Cotton is easier and only a small business has been done.

QUOTATIONS :—

NEW CROP.

Good M G Broach	Rs.	253 1-2	March
Fine M G Wardha Hinganghat	"	252	Jan.
Fine M G Nagpur	"	250	"
Fine M G Yeotmal	"	248	"
Fine M G Dhamangaon-Pulgaon	"	245-6	"
Fine M G Khamgaon-Akola	"	243 1-2	"
Fine M G Khandeish	"	236	"
F. G. M. G. Khandeish	"	230	"
Fine M. G. Bengal	"	249	Dec.
Fine M G Bengal	"	243 1-2	Jan.
F. G. H. G. Bengal	"	228	"
Futures—Month of Jan. 8-69+01	Advanced on Commission house buying and on bullish week and figures.		
Futures—Month of May 8-82+02			

NEW ORLEANS—

Spot cotton	9 3-16 unchgd
Futures month of Jan.	8-78+03
Futures month of May	8-92+01
Tone of Spot Cotton	Quiet.

LIVERPOOL WEEKLY COTTON REPORT

	Bales.
Total in Sight	7,730,000
Egyptian Visible Supply	289,000
East Indian do	50,000
American do	4,141,000
Other do	74,000
Total Sales	72,000
East Indian sales	200
Total Speculation	13,000
Do. Exportation	2,000
East Indian Stock	9,000
Do. Forwarded Consumer	500
Do. Actual Exports	200
Do. Week's Imports	.....
Do. Speculation	.....
Americans Afloat	390,000
East Indian	1,000
Total afloat	446,000

WHEAT.

Wheat White Karachi	36 1-4
Do. Months—Dec.-Jan.	
Do. Name of Ports—London—Buyers.	
Red Karachi	36
Do Months—Dec.-Jan.—London—Nominal.	
Tone—Firmer.	

SOUTH AMERICAN.

Rosario Santa Fe—62lbs	35
	Jan.-Feb.—Done—Firmer.
Barletta Russo 62 1-2lbs.	No sellers.

SOUTH-AUSTRALIAN.

South Australian	33
	Jan.-Feb.—Sellers.
Victorian	36
	Jan.-Feb.—Sellers.
New South Wales	36
	Jan.-Feb.—Sellers,

SEEDS.

RAPESEED—

Yellow Cawnpore per 416 lbs 85 p.c ex-ship.	
Do. Name of Ports—Nominal.	
Do. Gujarat, per 416 lbs. 85 p.c. ex-ship	
Do. Months—	
Do. Name of Ports.—Nominal	
Brown Cawnpore	45 1-2
Do. Months—Mar.-May.	
Do. Name of Ports—Antwerp—Nearest value.	
Tone—Firmer.	
LINSEED—	
Bombay, per 416 lbs ex-ship	59 1-4+1-4
Do. Months—Feb-Mar.	
Do. Name of Ports.—Dunkirk—Value.	
Firmer.	
Linseed Argentine—La Plata	57+3-4
Do. Months—Dec.Jan.	
Do. Name of Ports—Antwerp. Done.	

MISCELLANEOUS.

COFFEE—	
In New York Fair Rio (No. 7 quality). 14 1-2 unchgd	
RUBBER—	
Para Rubber	4-5 1-2
	Dec.-Jan.—Sellers. Quiet.
FREIGHT—	
Coals :—Cardiff to Bombay Canal	12-6
SUGAR—	
German Granulated Sugar C & F India (Double bags)	19 6
Do. Months of Shipment...Jan.-Mar.—Sellers.	
Tone—Dull scarcely anything doing.	
Hungarian Crystals Sugar C & F India ...Quiet nominal in absense of business.	
Do Months of Shipments	.....
German Beet-root 88 p.c.	16 3 1-2—Sellers.
Months of Shipments	Jan.
Tone—Slow demand little doing.	
E A B & Similar Crystal C & F India	21-3
Months of Shipments	March-Aug.—Sellers.
Tone—Inactive.	
Mauritius Crystals C & F Calcutta and Bombay	16-6—Value.
Months of Shipments	Dec.
Tone—Quiet.	
Javas, General Tone—Still idle.	

BANK OF BENGAL.

The following is the statement of the affairs of the Bank of Bengal for the week ending 4th Dec. 1911, as compared with the statement of 28th Nov. 1911 :—

Liabilities.	Nov. 28, Rs.	a.	d.	Dec. 4, Rs.	a.	p.
Capital paid up	2,00,00,000	0	0	2,00,00,000	0	0
Reserve Fund	1,79,00,000	0	0	1,79,00,000	0	0
Public Deposits, &c	2,01,68,540	10	8	2,26,69,017	13	3
Other Deposits, &c	17,21,90,479	3	7	17,47,81,592	0	3
Bank Post Bills, &c	7,37,818	13	3	7,47,350	12	4
Sundries	17,8,8806	2	6	19,04,375	6	4
	23,27,95,644	14	0	23,80,32,336	0	2
Assets.	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.
Govt. Securities other authorized Investments	2,06,66,355	0	0	2,33,17,695	0	0
Loans on Govt. & other authorized Securities	82,75,102	12	0	74,58,527	12	0
Accounts of Credit on do	3,28,88,128	15	3	3,45,06,440	7	2
Bills discounted, &c	4,74,31,233	6	2	4,59,76,985	14	3
Balances with other Banks	3,76,42,077	10	2	3,75,93,920	5	10
Bullion	20,23,526	3	11	30,45,915	8	4
Dead Stock	22,02,011	9	6	22,03,266	5	6
Stamps	10,698	15	4	12,839	1	5
Sundries	62,471	2	7	61,230	0	4
Cash, &c., at Head Office	15,22,01,610	10	11	15,41,56,520	6	10
Cash, &c., at Branches	8,05,94,034	3	1	8,38,75,515	8	4
	23,27,95,644	14	0	23,80,32,336	0	2

ABILITIES.

	Balance at	Rs.	
Government	Head Office	4,74,823	Increase.
	Government at Branches	20,55,654	Do.
Other Deposits		25,91,113	Do.
Post Bills		9,532	Do.
ASSETS.			
Bank's Investments		18,14,765	Increase.
Loans		16,18,312	Do.
Accounts of Credit		14,54,253	Decrease.
Mercantile Bills		48,157	Do.
Cash at Head Office		55,77,768	Increase.
Do. at Branches		23,96,286	Decrease.

Percentage 41·91.

DAILY EXPORTS.—DEC 9.

FOR LONDON.

Arabia s—71 casks skins, Chambers and Co; 4 pots rosa oil, M Jafferbhoy; 201 cwts kang, M Chagpal; 23 bales skins, V Esmail and Co; 133 cwts chutney, F Nowroji; 2,000 cwts cottonseed, Louis Dreyfus and Co; 2,000 cwts gram, Ralli Bros; 44 cwts chutney, N K Juszawalla; 146 cwts chutney, Manecklji Poonjiaji and Sons; 70 bales hemp, H Govindji; 1,160 cwts oil cakes, The Indian Cotton Oil Co.

FOR NEW YORK.

Arabia s—5 pots rosa oil, M Jafferbhoy; 1 package carpets, Thos. Cook and Son.

FOR HULL.

Montebello s—10,000 cwts castorseed, 3,000 cwts cottonseed, and 7,500 cwts barley, Ralli Bros.

FOR ANTWERP.

Tachsen s—56 bales cotton, Ralli Bros.

FOR HAMBURG.

Uckermark.—165 cwt nigerseed, M Chapsey; 200 cwts. oilbaum, P Jethabhoy; 200 bales cotton-fly, J C Tadiwalla; 2,000 cwts barley Ralli Bros. 17 cwts animal guts, Ad Meyer; 4,000 cwts. bone meal, E. C. Nanji; 3,501 cwts. myrabollams, P Mathooradas and Co.; 25 bales hemp, S. Surajmal & Co.

FOR GENOA.

D. Balduino s—100 bales cotton, M Jethabhai; 200 bales cotton, J A Begbie & Co; 4,000 cwts teelseed, Ralli Bros; 1,001 cwts. linseed, C Boggiano and Co.

FOR TRIESTE.

Habsburg s—224 bales cotton, Ralli Bros; 2 cases gurnet stones, J M Salemahomed; 687 cwts. oilbanum, M Jafferbhoy.

FOR VENICE.

Habsburg s—200 bales cotton, N. Rajaram and Co.; 50 bales cotton, J A Begbie and Co.

FOR ODESSA.

Habsburg s—206 cwts turnesic, M Jafferbhoy.

FOR KOBE.

Tosa Maru s—41 rolls coir matting. A Allarakia and Co; 200 bales cotton, Ralli Bros; 200 bales cotton, W and A Graham and Co; 300 bales cotton, B N Girwalla and Co; 400 bales cotton, H N Madraswlla; and 200 bales cotton, Ralli Bros.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

Tosa Maru s—681 bales cotton, The M B Kaisha; 200 bales cotton W and A Graham and Co.

FOR OSAKA.

Tosa Maru s—300 bales cotton, W and A Graham and Co.

FOR YOKKAICHI.

Tosa Maru s—800 bales cotton, Ralli Bros.

SATISFACTION goes with each bottle of SQUIBB'S AGUE SPECIFIC, the most popular Fever Cure of the day. Nothing equals its efficacy as a cure for Malaria. It has an excellent tonic effect on the system and in no way it depresses the heart like other Fever Cures. A trial is sure to convince the most prejudiced. Of all chemists.—MADON SONS & Co., Crawford Market, Bombay.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for Announcement of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES DEATHS and MEMORIAM NOTICES, which must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender, Re. 2 for six lines or less, and Ans. for every additional line. CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTH.

DAWSON—November 30, at Jhelum, the wife of Capt A G Dawson, 76th Punjabis, of a daughter.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

At the Town Hall, Orchestral Concert by Orchestral Band of His Imperial Majesty the King-Emperor's Royal Marine Artillery, 9-30 p. m.

Old Bombay Exhibition.

Excelsior Cinematograph Novelty Theatre, Special Attractions,—"The King's Programme." Four shows nightly, 5-30 to 6-45, 7 to 8, 8-30 to 9-30, 10 to 11 p.m. Exhibition Cinematograph, continuous performance.

Skating Rink, Practice Session, 8 to 9 a. m. Ladies only, 9-30 to 10-30 a. m. Evening session 6 to 8 p.m.

Maxim : "If trade is worth going after at all. it is worth going after thoroughly and properly."—SYSTEM.

THE SKATING RINK.—To-morrow, being a Bank holiday, there will be as usual, a long session from 9 to 11 in the morning, when the Band will attend. From 6 to 8 in the evening, there will be the usual session with Band.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—Saibai, a Hindu woman, while attempting to cross the road, was knocked down and run over by a hack victoria near the Byculla Bridge on Saturday morning. She was conveyed to the J. J. Hospital where she succumbed to the injuries in the night. An inquest was held yesterday upon her body and a verdict of accidental death was recorded.

ALLEGED ASSAULT ON POLICE.

Before Mr. P. H. Dastur, Second Presidency Magistrate at the Mazagon Police Court, Inspector Sykes charged Shavaksahah Bejonji Driver and Hormusji Jehangir Dhondi, Parsis, with assaulting policemen on duty and obstructing them in the execution of their duty.

The complaint was that while the Queen's Road was reserved during the Royal visit the accused insisted upon crossing the road and when stopped, they assaulted the policemen.

The defence was that while going to the Churni Road Railway station the first accused was assaulted by the police and the second accused who was his cousin and who saw the dispute from his house opposite came down to request the police not to beat the first accused so severely.

Further inquiry stands adjourned.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY MAJOR W. BOUGHTON CHAMBERS, V. D. COMMANDING.

Bombay, 11th December.

307. Parades—Saturday, 16th December, 1911. Nos. 1 and 2 Companies 1 inch Aiming Rifle Practice from Middle Ground Fort.

Parade at Apollo Bunder at 5 p.m., and proceed direct to Middle Ground by Bunder boats.

Dress—Khaki and Helmets.

308. Musketry—Sunday, 17th December, 1911.

No. 1 Company Class Firing at the British Infantry Range Colaba Firing to commence at 8 a. m.

Dress :—Plain Clothes. The Officer commanding No. 1 Company will detail a party of N C O's and men for this purpose.

E. P. CUDLIP, Capt. R. A.,
Adjt. B. V. A.

NOTICE.

A Subscription Dance will be held on Coronation Durbar Day, Tuesday, 12th December 1911, at the Town Hall. Prices of Tickets (including Supper.) Gentlemen Rs. 5-0 0, Ladies Rs. 2-8-0 each Tickets being only available for members of the Corps, the attention of members is particularly directed to the Corps Rules governing the introduction of guests and they are reminded that the names of guests must in all cases be given when applying for tickets.

Important:—No tickets will be issued after 12 noon, on Monday 11th December. Apply to Staff Sergeants, Sergeants B. V. A. Club, or to Headquarters.

Dance to commence at 9-30 p.m.

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Via Suez Perfect.	Via Suez Perfect.	Via Direct Cable Perfect.	.....	Via Bhamo Interrupted.	Via Lisbon St. Vincent Perfect.

Latest dates of Foreign Messages received at Bombay from the United Kingdom during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m. of the 10th December, 1911.

(Difference in Longitude allowed for.)

Via	Latest Dates. D.	H.	M.	Time Occupied in Transmission Hrs.	Mts.
Turkey	...	...	...	...	...
Teheran	10	12	58 p.m.	...	59
Suez	10	1	35 p.m.	...	33

NOTICES.

Telegrams for Morocco are subject to very great delay and can only be accepted at sender's risk. (18-8-11.)

Telegrams for all places in interior of China, excepting stations on the coast, booked by routes other than Bhamo, can be accepted at sender's risk. (25-10-11.)

Bhamo route to China is entirely closed to traffic for present (1-11-11).

Until further notice telegrams (code) for Turkey cannot be admitted (13-10-11).

Italian administration notify that telegrams for Tripoli are admitted only in plain language and at sender's risk. As an exceptional measure short telegrams in cipher or code language are also admitted if forwarded via Italy and those concerned deposit two copies of their code one at the Telegraph Office at Rome and the other at the Tripoli Telegraph Office (20-10-11).

It is further notified that the maximum number of words which can be sent in code or cipher Telegrams is fixed at twenty-five (24-10-11.)

Ramhormuz Line Interrupted to Ahwaz since 7 a.m. (31-10-11.)

Bushire reports messages for Ahwaz and Mohammerah should not be marked "by post over interrupted section." There is no postal service over interrupted section and line is not likely to be restored till next April or May. Therefore all messages for those stations should only be accepted "Post Bushire." Mail for Mohammerah and Ahwaz leaves Bushire every Wednesday morning and post messages for those places should reach here not later than 6 p.m. Standard time on Tuesday (4-12-11.)

Teheran reports meshed line interrupted since 27th (28-11-11).

Press telegrams for Japan can be accepted at one rupee three annas per word via Madras if addressed to newspaper Asahi published at Osaka (9-12-11).

THE WEATHER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, DEC. 9.

Rainfall from Persia which spread slowly eastwards is recorded at Rohat Jack, the actual depression at present is feeble and is proceeding down the Persian Gulf, and will probably pass into Gujerat and Lower Sind within the next two days. The disturbance in Rajputana continues dry and until rain forced by the depression now approaching from the west is not at all likely to give rain to Delhi, although the skies there are clouding. Over-reinforcement is not likely to take place within the next twenty-four hours. Further snow has fallen in Kashmir, and some light rain in the extreme South Peninsula. The principal amounts are :—Minimarg reports one inch, Trivandrum, three-quarters; and Kodaikanal, half an inch.

Forecast shews an extension of rainfall over Baluchistan and decrease of snowfall in Kashmir. No important change elsewhere.

SIMLA, DEC. 10.

The western depression which is still feeble shows no further development, but rainfall has spread over the whole of Baluchistan, Chaman and Quetta report quarter of an inch and other places smaller amount. In Kashmir, light snowfall is reported from Sonemarg and Minimarg. Local rainfall has continued in the extreme south of the Peninsula.

The Forecast shows further snowfall in Kashmir, and some extension of rainfall eastwards from Baluchistan. No change elsewhere.

BOMBAY DAILY WEATHER REPORT FOR THE 9th OF DECEMBER.

Summary of observations recorded at 8 hours on Saturday, the 9th December, 1911, giving data for the preceding 24 hours.

The Punjab.—Skies are clear or lightly clouded. Humidity is normal or in slight excess. Maximum temperature is in defect at Multan and Rawalpindi. The United Provinces.—Skies are lightly to moderately clouded in the extreme western districts and clear elsewhere. The moisture in the air is either equal to or above the average. Temperature has risen, but is still in defect during the day at Allahabad and Cawnpore.

Sind and Rajputana.—Skies are lightly clouded. Humidity is normal or in defect. Minimum temperature is in excess at Jaipur and Ajmer.

Gujarat, Kathiawar and Central India West.—Skies are moderately clouded. The moisture in the air is generally in defect. Temperature is in excess in Gujarat and West Central India.

The Central Provinces.—Skies are lightly to moderately clouded. Humidity is in excess at Raipur and normal or in defect elsewhere. Temperature is normal.

The Konkan.—Skies are lightly clouded. The moisture in the air is equal to the average. Day temperature is in excess at Bombay; night temperature is above normal over the whole division.

The Bombay Deccan and Hyderabad.—Skies are lightly to moderately clouded. Humidity is normal or in excess. Minimum temperature continues above normal, the excess amounting to 15° F at some stations.

General Remarks.—Some light showers have occurred in the south of the Peninsula. Conditions are again slightly unsettled in the south of the Bay of Bengal. There has been an increase of cloud in Kathiawar and Gujarat; weather appears to be slightly disturbed in these areas and possibly in the adjacent parts of the Arabian Sea. In West Central India and Rajputana, cloud has decreased and the disturbed conditions are passing off.

Some scattered showers may occur in the southern half of the Peninsula.

STANDARD BAROMETER READING.

The reading of the barometer at the Colaba Observatory corrected for index error and reduced to 32° F. and for Calcutta standard at 8 a.m. (local time) 9th December, was 29·987 inches. The height of Observatory barometer cistern above zero of the tide gauge at Apollo Bunder is 47 feet. The height of tide in the stream above zero of the tide gauge was 6 feet at 8 a.m. (local time). The temperature correction for a mercurial barometer, supposing the reading to be 30·00 inches and that of the attached thermometer 80 deg. F. will be 14in. and this will be higher or lower by 01 inch for each 4 degrees. In the case of the aneroid no temperature correction is required. Should the height of barometer cistern either mercurial or aneroid above zero of tide gauge be different from 47 feet, it will read higher or lower by 01 inch for each 11 feet. The readings above are distinct from those given in the daily weather report to which different corrections have been applied.

H. A. ARMSTRONG,
Meteorologist, Bombay.

INDIAN COTTON SPINNING.

Statistics of Cotton spinning and weaving in the Indian Mills in September 1911, and in the six months, April to September 1911, compared with the corresponding period of 1909 and 1910.

[Compiled in the Commercial Intelligence Department, India, from accounts rendered by millowners under the terms of the Cotton Duties Act, of 1896.]

ABSTRACT STATEMENT of the QUANTITY in pounds of YARN Spun.

	Month of September. 1909	1910	1911
British India			
Bombay	31327015	36960409	36417319
Madras	3445549	3473310	3733507
Bengal	3152886	2339131	3078770
United Provinces of Agra and Oudh (also Ajmer-Merwara).	3144203	3199731	3218995
Punjab	607040	534223	535169
Central Provinces and Berar	2397294	2178130	2137654
Total	43103387	48706933	48921109
Foreign Territory.			
Native States of Indore, Mysore, Baroda, Nandgaon, Bhavnagar, Hyderabad, Wadhwan, Quilon, Kishengarh Ujjain and Pondicherry	2688757	2859637	2775193
Grand Total	45792744	51566572	50977002

(a) Mill closed since October 1909.
(b) Figures included since April 1911.
(c) Including the production of one mill only.

ABSTRACT STATEMENT of the QUANTITY of WOVEN GOODS Produced.

[N.B.—The weight in pounds represents the weight of all woven goods: the measure in yards represents the equivalent of the weight of the grey and coloured piece-goods.]

		Month of September. 1909	1910	1911
British India.				
Bombay	lbs.	18810439	22165564	23809060
	yds.	82110265	95319501	100631925
	doze	67626	67693	68199
Madras	lbs.	6321951	5779381	6710499
	yds.	1912904	1783803	2161666
	doze	2084	2305	2953
Bengal	lbs.	2218540	1957705	2619495
	yds.	1061398	912944	1547339
	doze	4264	3339	5664
United Provinces of Agra and Oudh, (also Ajmer-Merwara)	lbs.	1094172	958345	838562
	yds.	4966789	413.2x8	3438736
	doze	4264	3339	3664
Punjab	lbs.	36119	42982	54641
	yds.	121953	137454	166551
	doze	21	28	548
Central Provinces and Berar	lbs.	787287	834408	861100
	yds.	2913544	3.35151	3144059
	doze	379	454	560
Total	lbs.	31548818	34900225	36404784
	yds.	93038184	10540 291	111291168
	doze	74651	79851	71924
Foreign Territory.				
Native States of Indore, Mysore, Baroda, Nandgaon, Bhavnagar, Hyderabad, Wadhwan, Kaoh (a) and Pondicherry (b)	pds.	950445	1218688	1245517
	yds.	3618260	5381654	4845339
	dozens	11598	7006	6332
Grand Total	pds.	22497263	26121923	27740288
	yds.	96654464	1107.2345	1.6139507
	doze.	86249	82057	78256

(a) From August 1910.
(b) Including the production of one mill only.

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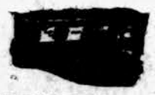

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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

The Wilson Line steamer Castello, 2338 tons, Captain W. E. Jordan, sailed on Saturday for Hull via Karachi, with a general cargo and same bottom.

The P. and O. Company's mail steamer Salsette 2391 tons, Captain H. G. H. Lewellin R. N. R. sailed on Saturday for Aden, with a general cargo.

The steamer Lingfield, 2614 tons, Captain A. S. Hunt, sailed on Saturday for Baltimore, with a general cargo.

The Asiatic S. N. Company's steamer Nurani 2870 tons, Captain H. J. Crebbin, sailed on Sunday for Calcutta via Coast ports, with a general and the same bottom cargo and 12 deck passengers.

The B. and P. S. N. Company's steamer Pinoozi 2,029 tons, Captain P. S. Primrose arrived in Bombay harbour on Friday evening from Calcutta, November 29, with a cargo of coal.

The German East Africa Line steamer Koenig, 3,176 tons, Captain P. Von Holdt arrived in Bombay harbour on Saturday from Durban, November 14, with a general cargo and passengers.

The steamer Brodstone, 3,069 tons, Captain B. A. Martin, arrived in Bombay harbour on Saturday from Barry October 17, with ballast.

The hired transport Somali, Captain A. G. Culntt, sailed from Bombay on Saturday for Cape Town with the 2nd Battalion, East Lancashire Regiment, comprisiring 20 officers 898 men rank and file, 31 women, and 49 children.

The B. I. S. N. Company's steamer Linga 950 tons Captain H. Manley arrived here on Saturday from Karachi December 7, with mails a general cargo and passengers.

The Anchor Line steamer Olympia 3269 tons Captain R. H. Brown R. N. R., arrived here yesterday from Liverpool November 14 with a general cargo 10 horses and passengers.

The B. I. S. N. Company's steamer Nola, 510 tons, Captain G. R. Elton arrived here yesterday from Basreh via Karachi &c with a general cargo, 19 cases opium and passengers.

MEN-OF-WAR & ROYAL INDIAN MARINE SHIPS.

H M S Medina.....Capt A E M ..Chatfield Royal Navy
H M S Defence.....Capt H H Bruce Royal Navy
H M S Cochrane...Capt W E Goodenough...Royal Navy
H M S Argyll...Capt M Clume-Seymour...Royal Navy
H M S Natal.....Capt Clement Greatorex...R Navy
H M S Perseus.....Comdr C P B Powell...R Navy
H M S Fox .....Comdr Tancrid, R N .....Cruiser
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R I M S Dalhousie...Comdr D F Vines.....R I Marine
R I M S Lawrence ...Comdr de Burgh.....R I Marine Stream.

Brodstone	3069	Martin	
Hoenig	3176	Von Holdt	A Straeden & Co
Pinooi	2029	Primrose	B & P S N & Co

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—Dec. 9.

Arcadia	3513	Barham	London P & O Co
Beswada	2270	Pratt	M M & Co
Baroda	3909	McClelland	M M & Co
Oceana	3507	Jones	P & O Co
Elmmoor	2390	Evans	The Captain
Glenly	2696	Muirhead	W & A G & Co
Harfleur	2946	Sodier	
Hurst	2997	Moody	Liverpool W & A G & Co
Madura	1273	Logan	M M & Co
Gutenfels	4501	Fransiers	W & A Graham & Co
Kasara	594	Kiug	M M & Co
Lawada	2124	Lane	Calcutta M M & Co
Moleja	6782	Wiston	P & O Co
Newbridge	2397	Wellett	W & A G & Co
Peebles	2732	Wallace	T Morrison and Co.
Quilca	4942	Cole	Calcutta M M & Co
Shirley	2162	Stone	T Morrison & Co
Viswa	3176	Tipper	M M and Co
Umhloti	1398	Dent	T Morrison and Co

VESSELS IN DOCK.—Dec. 9.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Vessels.	Tons.	Capts.	Dest.	Dats.	Agents.
B Fuitala	2701	Chioles	Moulmain	14-12	M M & Co
C & R Castelo	2339	Goodon	Karachi	7-12	
D & E City of Agra	3096	Buck	Karachi	14-12	K Nixon & Co
H Khosrou	2410	Hannah	Jeddah	13-12	B & P S N Co
Monkey Brand, 125 deg.	4	0	2	do.	
White Camelia 125° (in tins)	3	10	0	per two tins.	
Elephant, 125 deg. (in tins)	3	10	0	do.	
do, 125 deg. (in Bulk)	3	0	0	per 8 gallons	
Camel 125 deg. (in tins)	3	10	0	per two tins	

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Oceana	3507	Jones	P & O Co
Elmmoor	2390	Evans	The Captain
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ARRIVALS.

Dec.	Vessels	Commanders	From
8	Firoozi	Primrose	Calcutta Nov 29
9	Koenig	Holdt	Durban, Nov 14
	Brodstone	Martin	Barry, Oct 17
	Linga	Manley	Karachi, Dec 7
10	Olympia	Brown	Liverpool, Nov 14
	Kola	Elton	Basreh, Dec 2
	Delta	Martin	Shanghai, &c

DEPARTURES.

Dec.	Vessels.	Commanders.	Destination.
9	Kinross	Dracup	Dunkirk
	Dunrobin	Carr	Calcutta
	Sachem	Wagner	Antwerp
	Salsette	Lewellin	Aden
	Castello	Jordan	Hull, &c
10	Lingfield	Hunt	Baltimore
	Nurani	Crebbin	Calcutta

The following vessels began to load on Saturday:—
Steamer Brodstone, for Liverpool, &c.
" Koenig, for Zanzibar.
" Firoozi, for Calcutta.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Anchor Line steamer Circassia, outward bound passed Suez on the 8th instant and is due to arrive here about midday on the 12th instant.

The homeward bound Messageries Maritimes Co's steamer Oceanien, from Bombay arrived at Marseilles on Friday, the 8th Dec at noon.]

BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.

SQUADRON ORDERS.

Bombay, 11th December.

1. Riding School will be held daily for Recruits and members in possession of Remounts at 7. 15 a.m.

Dress.—Mufti.

2. The Squadron will parade as strong as possible tomorrow, Tuesday, the 12th inst., to take part in the Proclamation parade with the troops in the Garrison. Rendezvous Bombay Gymkhana at 11-15 a. m. punctually.

Dress.—Review Order, White Gloves will be worn.

D. W. WILSON, Lieut.,
Actg.-Adjt., B. L. H.

The police have arrested at Rangoon a man named Durga Pershad, who was wanted by the police in India, in connection with an allegation of cheating in respect of one 9 lakh rupees, the property of Lal Chand Jotti Ram of Cawnpore, in September 1904.

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Monday, 11th December, 1911.

INDIAN WEATHER-LORE.

As was stated in a recent article, ceremonies intended to propitiate the gods and induce them to send down rain in periods of drought differ in different parts of India, but the fundamental idea is everywhere the same—viz., that the pious supplications of man will not be unheeded by the deities and that the latter have the power to turn aside at will the evil influences of their own wrath and displeasure at human perversity. In the north-east of the Madras Presidency a popular ceremony for propitiating the rain-god consists in pouring water into a thousand vessels and then consecrating the fluid by means of prescribed incantations, after which the idol in the village temple is bathed ceremoniously in the sanctified water. Elsewhere in the same Presidency, there is a rain-producing rite which is not exactly propitiatory but rather takes the form of a rude reminder to the rain-god to open the closed flood-gates of heaven. Varuna, the rain-god, has a mistress called Kadum-pavi, the great sinner, and drought is produced as a result of Varuna's dallying with this mistress. The villagers make a huge effigy of the great sinner and take it round the village, hurling angry and uncomplimentary epithets at it all the while. This brings Varuna to his senses and he quickly sends down rain in plenty till the glad earth rejoices and laughs a rich harvest and the hearts of the villagers are gladdened too. In the Central Provinces, during drought, the women and girls of the Bhil tribe, armed with bows and arrows, enter a field where they sacrifice a buffalo to a local deity in order to bring down rain. In the same Provinces a certain low caste have a quaint ceremony, which is deemed unfailing as a means of terminating drought and producing rain. A frog is caught, tied to a rod and covered over with 'nim' leaves and is then taken round the village, to the accompaniment of a monotonous chant, which may be rendered:—"Oh frog, send down quickly the jewel of water and ripen the corn in the fields." The Kois, an aboriginal tribe, maintain sacred groves as a means of propitiating the gods to send down rain seasonably, and it is believed that the destruction of even a single tree in such a grove would be sufficient to vex the gods and make them withhold their favours. Possibly some such idea influenced the ancient inhabitants of Malabar in preserving groves in the southwest corners of their compounds for the snake-gods to dwell in. There is still a belief that harm will result if a tree or shrub in such a grove is felled or even pruned with a knife. A curious rain-producing ceremony known in the Punjab consists in the girls of the drought-affected locality forcibly laying hold of an old granny and bathing her in water which had been previously well mixed with cowdung, the belief appearing to be that the sufferings of the old crone will make the rain-god relent.

In combination with his quaint and elaborate weather-lore the Hindoo ancient also had a comprehensive system of plant-lore, by which he professed to be able to predict what crops would grow and whether the seasons would be favourable or adverse, and we should not be justified perhaps in condemning all this lore as irrational or emperical, or in laughing at the Hindu because he performs curious ceremonies and sacrifices in order to obtain the favour of his gods. According to ancient Hindu plant-lore, if the catechu tree should thrive the approach of famine is indicated, while the thriving of the white mardah tree is a sign of the coming of good rain, the blossoming of the wood-apple being a warning of coming stormy weather and that of the Indian oak a warning of impending drought. The blossoming of the hariali grass betokens a good time for the sugarcane grower, the fruiting and flowering of the saul tree a sure sign of an abundant crop of white rice and the growth of the banyan an equally certain sign of an abundant barley crop, while the luxuriant growth of the pepul means nothing less than a good growth of all crops. A good wheat crop is assured when the mohwa tree, so well known in the Bombay Presidency, thrives, and the thriving of the mountain ebony tree and the cassia shrub signifies a good time in store for the cotton cultivator. These are but a few of the bewildering number of prognostications to be drawn from plant phenomena and it must be evident that the Hindu has plenty of evidence all round him to decide whether an appeal for rain to his gods is necessary or not. But as has already been remarked, there are also appeals and supplications which are made to the gods when the latter go from one extreme to the other and send down rain to an extent that rots the crops and drowns the villages.

Among popular South Indian ceremonies for causing the rain to cease when the fall has been excessive is one in which an undraped little child is sent out into the rain with a piece of wood, a flame at one end, the idea possibly being to scare the rain-spirit by exhibiting the fire-spirit. In the United Provinces, during excessive rain, children throw oil into a pot of water in the belief that as the oil breaks upon the water, the clouds will break up and the rain cease. A more curious ceremony obtains in the Central Provinces, where one of a pair of twins is painted in various colours on certain parts of his body as a means of stopping excessive rain during the harvest season. In parts of Bengal, a rather extraordinary method of stopping rain is to name twenty-one men who are blind of one eye and make twenty-one knots in a string and tie the string under the eaves of a house. While this device is not quite easy to understand something simpler is adopted elsewhere in the same Province, a dog being made to yell by hot oil being poured into his ear. It is believed that the rain-god takes pity on the dog and stops the rain in the belief that it was the rain which was the cause of the dog's yelling.

EX-SOLDIERS FOR THE COLONIES.

The *United Service Gazette* recently made the suggestion that as our Oversea Dominions are falling into line with the Mother Country and undertaking both naval and military obligations from an Imperial standpoint, there cannot be any harm in encouraging time-expired soldiers to emigrate towards those larger opportunities which await them in many of His Majesty's Dominions overseas. It also expresses the hope that the movement which affords facilities to men serving in India, to go direct to the Colonies if they so desire instead of their having to return to the United Kingdom for discharge, will receive the favourable consideration of the Army Council. The movement has received attention, but according to the Rev. H. C. Martin, the Secretary of the Royal Army Temperance Association in India, at least one of the colonies, Australia, declines to receive the ex-soldier, and bases its attitude on the amazing ground that forty per cent. of the British Army in India are affected with a loathsome disease. Mr. Martin, whose duties take him to every military station in the country, knew this to be a wicked and cruel libel, and he at once appealed to the Army Department for statistics with which to refute it. These have been forthcoming, and show that the percentage of men in the Army in India suffering from the disease mentioned, works out at about five per cent., a very different thing indeed from the indictment originally flung against the force. As our contemporary points out, "thousands of men leave India every year who have saved a fair amount of money—soldiers being more thrifty in the East than they are at home—and if they are given the opportunity of proceeding direct to the Colonies with their little nest-eggs, to start a new life, we shall soon hear of them being flourishing and happy in the country of their adoption, and the pitiful spectacles of the soup-kitchen and the Thames Embankment will be measurably less in the old country. British soldiers and sailors are free and light-hearted fellows, consequently the seven or eight years they spend in the Service tends to make them optimistic of the future. With their savings in their pockets, the first few weeks in the Reserve seem all right, but they realise all too quickly and bitterly that it is all wrong in England when their money is spent. Planted direct in the Colonies, where such men are badly wanted, these reservists would make loyal subjects of the King and a backbone to the Defence Forces." But if such scandalous charges as that presently being disposed of by Mr. Martin are allowed to travel broadcast, the old soldier will not be given much of a chance; and we think in these circumstances that the refutation should be official and backed by all the statistics available.

MR. BLUNT AND HIS CRITICS.

We have not read the book written by Mr. Wilfrid Blunt, regarding which we have heard so much recently, but in it he is alleged to have made some shocking charges against the British troops employed at the battle of Abu Klea. Questions were raised in and out of the Commons on the subject, and so vehement was the feeling displayed that Colonel Seely, Under Secretary of State for War, was led to promise that he would see what steps could be taken to remove Mr. Blunt from the Commission of the Peace and from the honourable office of Deputy-Lieutenant of the county of Sussex. The charges were, in effect, that he had accused the British soldier of inhumanity to his enemy, a typical passage reading:—"These English soldiers are mere murderers. What are they? A mongrel scum of thieves from Whitechapel and Seven Dials. . . . I desire in my heart to see every man of Stewart's host butchered in their turn and sent to hell." Mr. Blunt subsequently sent a statement to the press in which he says that there is nothing at all in the passage accusing the British soldier of 'inhumanity to his enemy' nor a word about 'women and children.' There were no women at Abu Klea for Tommy Atkins to be kind or unkind to, nor was the battle, like some British victories in North Africa, a mere massacre. The Arabs engaged in it gave as good as they got, and if I remember rightly, broke a British square. We are not much concerned with this side of the dispute, for, happily enough, the character of the British soldier is too well known to permit such charges to be believed. But in another respect Mr. Blunt, who is now 71 years of age, distinctly scores over his critics. In respect of the attempt to remove him from the Commission of the Peace, and the Deputy-Lieutenancy of the county of Sussex, he writes, "Will it be believed that none of these gallant wiseacres, including the Under-Secretary for War, had, before making their outcry, been at the pains of inquiring whether I really held either of these high offices, or whether it was in the power of Lord Loreburn, however omnipotent, to deprive me of dignities I do not possess. As a matter of fact, I have never sought or held any position of the kind, not even that of High Sheriff of my county." Which, if he can sustain his own interpretation of his own words, leaves him with the laugh on his side.

CHINA.

The Chinese Cabinet appears to be rushing into reform schemes with frenzied haste. The affairs of the Celestial Empire, since the outbreak of the revolution three months ago, have passed from stage to stage until they have reached a point at which it is possible only to smile. The first successes of the rebels elicited from the boy-Emperor an apology, more abject and humble in tone, than any ever penned by the meanest slave to his master. The Imperial promises were as plentiful as sand and nothing was too great to sacrifice in the attempt to placate the new party. Then followed the flight of the Regent and consequent reshuffling of the Peking pack, while more recently we were told that an Ediet had been promulgated legalising the cutting off of pigtails. This may seem a small matter to the western, but in China, in recent years, the possession of a pigtail has been held to symbolize sympathy with and adherence to the Manchu dynasty. It will be remembered that when the revolution began, there was a great shearing process throughout the empire, and that in Indian towns where Chinese colonies had settled the cutting of pigtails was performed ceremoniously. In more than one instance, too, Imperial troops on entering a centre of republican activity proceeded to massacre all who were found without the tail. The most recent Edict is, therefore, more significant than at first appears, and really means the destruction of a badge of loyalty to the reigning house. Considered from this point of view the decree may possibly be regarded as more valuable than any of the promises of reform hitherto made, and if this is so we may hope before long to see the situation brighter and more hopeful of peace.

It is stated that the reorganisation of the East Indies Squadron will be shortly taken in hand and that an armoured cruiser of the "Drake" class will be selected to carry the flag of the Rear-Admiral commanding. The "Drake" is being got ready for service as flagship of the Australian quadron, and her sister cruisers are the "Good Hope," the "Leviathan", and the "King Alfred." It is considered likely that the "King Alfred' which recently carried the flag on the China Station, will be selected for flagship of the East Indies Squadron in the event of the project mentioned being carried out.

The quarterly returns published by the Registrar-General, show a remarkable decline in the "natural increase" in the population of England and Wales. The excess of births over deaths for the three months ended Sept. 30, was only 81,645, as compared with 123,300, 124,054, and 123,022 in the third quarters of 1908, 1909, and 1910 respectively.

COL. JOHN STEWART, C.I.E., of Advorlich, Lochearnhead, has within the past few days been awarded the medal for the Indian Mutiny Campaign of 1857-58. He was responsible, among other services, for the equipment of the force which, under Sir Colin Campbell, relieved Havelock's men at Lucknow and captured the city. The medal is engraved "Lieutenant John Stewart, Bengal Artillery."

A SECTION of the Japanese Press, led by "Kokumin Shimbun" (the "Nation"), the organ of Prince Katsur, the ex-Prime Minister, is very restive and is attacking the Administration's China policy. They demand that active steps be taken and propose concerted action with Great Britain with a view to intervention at Pekin. The general opinion, however, is that, owing to the position of Japan's finances and her domestic affairs generally, the policy of Baron Uchida, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, is the most correct.

ORDERS have been given at Aldershot for 771 non-commissioned officers and men now in the command to embark in the "Dongola" at Southampton on No. 29, to reinforce troops in India. The drafts are for the Royal Horse and Field Art.; the 2nd Leicestershire, at Madras; 2nd Cameron Highlanders, at Bangalore; 1st Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, moving from Tien-tsin to Mhow; 1st Oxfordshire and Bucks Light Inf., at Wellington (Madras); and 1st Border, moving from Rangoon to Maymyo. The "Dongola" is due to arrive at Bombay, on Dec. 19.

IT is officially announced that the Crystal Palace has been secured for the nation. The matter of the sale of the Palace and its extensive ground came before Mr. Justice Swinfen Eady in Chambers. Subsequently it was stated that the Earl of Plymouth had purchased them from the first debenture-holders for £210,000. Lord Plymouth, in a letter, says he intends to hold the Palace for a reasonable period to give time for the necessary sum to be raised to relieve him of responsibility. If it is found impossible to raise sufficient money to secure it for the public, he will feel at liberty to deal with the property in such manner and under such conditions as will enable him to realise its full value.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

MOROCCO.

Anglo-German Relations.

THE CRETAN PROBLEM.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, Nov. 25.

On Monday afternoon the French Cabinet had to sustain a first attack, which although it was intended only as a skirmish, was at once made into a question of confidence. M. Bouge wished to interpellate on the recent mistakes in the French Foreign Office, which led to M. Bapst being placed on the retired list, while the Government desired that all interpellations relating to foreign policy should be taken together in a few days' time when there is to be a general debate on foreign affairs. M. Bouge, however, persisted in asking the House to listen to him at once, since the result of what happened had apparently been that "the minister had been in charge of the negotiation with Germany without having consulted the dossier of the previous negotiations with Spain." He pointed out that the Minister had neither consulted his predecessor nor read up current business, whilst his predecessor had not thought it fit to talk to him about the Spanish negotiations, which were the most important factor. Public opinion had been greatly moved, and did not consider that the mere temporary disgrace of M. Bapst was sufficient. He asked the House to say if the Minister was still qualified to speak in the name of France and hold her destinies in his hands. M. de Selves, who was clearly labouring under great emotion, mounted the tribunal, and said that his request for adjourning such interpellation did not arise from any personal motives. He appealed to the patriotism of the House not to approach the subject of foreign policy until the whole subject came up for its consideration, when, if it thought he was not worthy to represent his country, he would retire. His reply was received somewhat coldly, and a decidedly hostile spirit seemed to prevail, when M. Caillaux threw himself into the breach and repeated that it was impossible to discuss foreign policy piecemeal. The Chamber was only asked to wait a few days, and he made the adjournment a question of confidence, since, until the negotiation with Germany were finished, it would weaken the authority of the Government to reply to the interpellation of M. Bouge. On the question being put the Government obtained a vote of confidence by 375 to 145.

ANXIETY TO HEAR SIR E. GREY.

All Europe is anxious for Monday's Speech by the British Foreign Minister. Public opinion caused by the publication of Herr von Kiderlen-Waechter's confidential statement before the Budget Commission on Morocco and, more particularly, on Anglo-German relations which are very mixed and somewhat doubtful. The Government Press is jubilant, and declares triumphantly that proof is now afforded that Germany manfully and steadfastly resisted all attempts by Great Britain to force herself into the negotiations or affect their course, and one staunch supporter of the Government heads its columns in letters of terrific size with "A saving deed," meaning thereby that Herr von Kiderlen-Waechter has rescued Germany's prestige from the slough into which it was declared to have fallen. Liberal journals, on the other hand sound a warning note and declare that the other side of the medal is yet to be shown, that Sir Edward Grey's speech on Monday may throw another light on affairs, and that such jubilation may prove very premature. Havas Hirsch's Telegraphic Agency, a concern which works hand in hand with the Foreign Office, and which is used by Herr von Kiderlen-Waechter not only as a medium for official communications, but also for unofficial propaganda, publishes two statements from "a well-informed source," which in the case of this agency invariably means the Wilhelmstrasse, making bitter attacks on the English Government. The first communication rakes up the old story of the alleged Cartwright interview, and declares that this matter was swept out of existence only by the loyal support rendered to its Ambassador by the British Government, and asserts that the official representatives of the British Government in Vienna, Paris, and formerly St. Petersberg, preach anti-German doctrine so openly and systematically that not only these Governments, but also society in these capitals could not fail to take cognisance of the attitude of those official representatives.

The second communication attacks the British Government for its attitude towards Mr. Lloyd George's speech, and declares that the Government allowed this speech to be exploited by the English and French Press against Germany for the purpose of creating a pessimistic feeling in this country without in any way disclaiming or protesting against Mr. Lloyd George's utterance. The same thing, it is declared, applies to Captain Fabre's revelations, the English Government making no attempt to counteract the excitement and illfeeling caused by the latter's statements. Germany, it is added, cannot remain blind to the unfriendly attitude of the English Government as demonstrated in this manner.

"THE NOTE OF FAIRPLAY."

The Berlin correspondent of the "Kolnischo Zeitung," whose messages are frequently inspired, telegraphs to his paper the following comment upon the statement made by Herrven Kiderlen-Waechter to the Budget Commission of the Reichstag:—"Germans, who have been behaving as though they thought very lightly of war, will perhaps now become a little more serious, seeing that a while ago, so far from there being a game of warlike fancies, we stood on the brink of a momentous decision. The acute crisis has now passed but the gravity of the situation still exists. "The declarations of the British Government are awaited with exceptional eagerness. During the past few days there have been in the English Press many remarks inspired by a spirit of moderation and appreciation of facts. In these was to be heard once more the old note of 'fair play,' the pursuance of which has been not less advantageous to the expansion of England's power than her powerful fleet. The character of the forthcoming declaration of the British Government will not be without influence on the decisions of the German Government. "In any case, it will be possible to see from them what the British people think of the situation the dangers of which have never been brought out so clearly as now. Germany cannot conceive of the possibility of war breaking out between two Great Powers overnight without there being any real dispute, and, in fact, she would never give the matter a thought if recent events did not speak too convincingly. It will depend upon the attitude of British public opinion and of the Government how Angle-German relations shall develop in the future."

GERMAN HISTORY OF MOROCCO DISPUTE.

Herr von Kiderlen-Waechter on Tuesday gave an historic review of the Morocco question. He told how in 1880, at the time of the Madrid Conference Prince Bismarck, in a direct report to the Emperor took the view, that Germany must welcome the firmest possible establishment of the French in Morocco. Mr. Chamberlain had a scheme for the partition of Morocco in 1899 by which England was to take Tangier and Germany to have a port on the Atlantic coast, but this never came to formal negotiations. In 1905, after the Emperor's visit to Tangier M. Delcasse made an attempt at direct negotiation which for want of positive proposal led to no result. Afterwards M. Rouvier again expressed through semi-official and official channels a desire to come to an understanding.

The word "Congo" was then uttered for the first time. Positive proposals were demanded from the German side, but without leading to any result. In the meantime we had taken up the position that changes in Morocco could only be brought about with the assent of all the signatories to the Madrid Convention in order not to fall between two stools. Prince Bulow was accordingly unable further to discuss the French desires for an understanding which had never been accompanied by concrete proposals.

GROWTH OF THE CRISIS.

The situation for Germany was difficult, because it developed gradually. One could never say the Algeciras Act was violated by such action at such a moment, and we raised no objection. We therefore decided that the best policy was to wait, and, in case of persistence in the violation of the Algeciras Act, to claim full freedom of action for ourselves. France, on the other hand, always represented herself as the mandatory of Europe for the restoration of order, and insisted that her measures were merely temporary, and that the Algeciras Act had not been violated. Other Powers, notably England, were disposed to concur in the French action. Germany stood alone in her opposition, in connection with which she never even hinted at a claim to part of Morocco. We only asked that France should come to terms with us in regard to the violation of the Act of Algeciras, and that France, as the violation had been committed by her, must come forward with positive proposals.

We constantly declared that Germany was willing to leave France a free hand politically, but must demand for herself better guarantees for the maintenance of the principle of the open door, and, furthermore compensation in the colonial sphere as indemnity for the violation of the Algeciras Act committed by France in establishing herself in Morocco without a previous understanding. The French Ambassador took note of these views of the German Government but no positive proposals were forthcoming from France. Her answer always was that later on they would be glad to come to an understanding.

THE AGADIR INCIDENT.

Meanwhile, France had established herself with ever-diminishing ceremoniousness. Then as complaints from German subjects fever oppression and appeals for protection were received, especially from Sus, the German Government said to itself: "France is not the mandatory of Europe; we must claim for ourselves the same right to protect our subjects." From these considerations followed the despatch of a warship to Agadir.

Herr von Kiderlen-Waechter concluded with an expose of the reasons why Germany did not desire territory in Morocco. A colony in Morocco, he said would have been a great burden. They would have had to contend with perpetual opposition from the French in Morocco and Algeria. Then there were economic and climatic difficulties in the way of German colonisation.

PORTUGUESE ROYALISTS.

The Portuguese Monarchists cannot agree as to whether Dom Manoel or Dom Miguel should direct the future campaign. The Manuelists accuse the Miguelists of ambition, whilst the latter accuse the former of having neglected the Monarchist cause. Both desired that Dom Manuel and the Duke of Oporto should come and place themselves at the head of the troops destined to operate in Portugal, but Dom Manuel does not wish to go and the Duke of Oporto did nothing except present himself for a few days on the frontier. In view of these difficulties, several Royalists who wish at all costs to restore the monarchy in Portugal, have offered the crown to Dom James de Bourbon, on condition that he goes to Portugal, places himself at the head of the Monarchists, and organises their forces. At the head of this new tendency are persons of much influence amongst the Royalists, and the preparatory work has already been begun. Don Jaime de Bourbon, who is in Paris at present, has given no definite answer as yet, but I am told that he has sent to Verin one of his most inseparable friends, Don Martin Gaytan de Ayala, who is inquiring into the state of the monarchist feeling. Senor Samaniego, secretary to Don Jaime, will also go to the frontier one of these days. Moreover, Senor Cirici Ventallo, a Carlist journalist, who has been for a long time on the Portuguese frontier with the Royalist conspirators, has been summoned to Paris by Don Jaime to give him a true account of what is happening. All these details prove that the Royalists are exceedingly busy, and that Don Jaime is studying the question. Portuguese residing here, and they do not discuss the fact that if Don Jaime accepts the offer which has been made to him and organises the forces well he will easily triumph, because the Portuguese Monarchists desire a King who will free them from the Republican tyranny. They apply to him because Dom Manuel does not wish to place himself at the head of his partisans, whilst Manuelistr do not wish to accept Dom Maguel of Braganza as their chief. Should Don Jaime accept, a very difficult political situation will be created here in Spain, because Don Jaime has many partisans, and it is absolutely certain that many Spaniards would enlist under his banner without the Government being able to hinder them. This new aspect of the Portuguese problem gives it fresh interest from the journalistic, the political, and the international point of view.

THE PORTE AND CRETAN AUTONOMY.

The Cretans are again becoming troublesome. The inhabitants of the historic island are clamouring tumultuously for such a settlement of their international status as shall be characterised by finality. The Turkish Committee of Union and Progress is also keenly anxious to close the wound which is always painful, and sometimes dangerous, and with this object has unofficially proposed to endow Crete with autonomy of a unique type, carrying with it rights so extensive as to differ only in name from absolute independence. I am convinced that several patriotic men of influence in Crete and Greece would promptly close with the proposal on grounds which have only to be stated in order to be accepted, if they did not fear the tremendous storm which would be unloosed in the Press of both countries by interested politicians, who are industriously ministering ailments to popular turburlence and morbid sentimentality.

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THE SITUATION IN CHINA.

A SETTLEMENT POSSIBLE.

Activity Maintained in South.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, Dec. 8.

Tang-Shao-Yi is proceeding to Wuchang. He is specially empowered to negotiate a settlement, the prospects of which, he believes, the recent Edicts have greatly improved.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 8.

The revolutionists searched the British steamer "Kwangping," and detained her despite the representations of the Consul.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 9.

A telegram from Nanking states that General Chang, with the Imperial troops, escaped after annihilating a band of revolutionaries who were attempting to bar their retreat, at a spot a hundred miles up the Tientsin-Pukou Railway.

The revolutionaries, further north, are blowing up bridges with dynamite.

The End Approaching.

PEKING, Dec. 10.

Tang-Shao-Yi has started for Wuchang, invested with full powers to negotiate with the revolutionaries. The Government is confident that the rebels accept a limited monarchy, but is prepared to compromise.

The Foreign Legations believe that the end of the rebellion is approaching.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

CALCUTTA, Dec. 10.

According to a report which reached here yesterday from Gyantse, the Chino-Tibetan situation is becoming more critical and there are rumours of serious fighting. Three general engagements as they are termed are said to have been reported yesterday, but no details are as yet forthcoming and rumours await confirmation

CORONATION DURBAR CAMP, Dec. 10.

The revolt in China has now spread to Tibet. Three days ago the Tibetans about Gyantse attacked the Chinese garrison of that place and some sharp fighting took place and the Chinese repulsed their assailants however and have since taken a number of prisoners of whose fate information has not so far been received.

THE DARDANELLES STORY.

Declared to be "Pure Fiction."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 9.

M. Sazonoff, Russian Foreign Minister, in an interview with the *Temps*, says that the reports of the Russian formal demands regarding the Dardanelles are pure fiction. He says there have only been conversations arising from the fear that the laying of mines by Turkey might hinder commerce.

THE PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAMME.

Shops and Naval Prize Bills.

LONDON, Dec. 9.

The House of Commons has passed the third reading of the Shops Bill, securing to assistants a weekly half-holiday, and a reasonable time for meals.

The Government dropped the major portion of the bill including the limitation of hours to sixty per week.

Lord Selborne will move the rejection of the Naval Prize Bill in the House of Lords.

THE INSURANCE BILL.

Further Industrial Opposition.

LONDON, Dec. 9.

At a meeting representing eight hundred North of England firms, held at Manchester under the presidency of Sir Charles Macara, it was stated that a manifesto, signed by the representatives of 206 trades, would be sent to Parliament, asking for a postponement of the Insurance Bill, on the ground that it would imperil productive Industry.

INTERNATIONAL BILLIARDS.

Gray vs. Stevenson.

LONDON, Dec. 10.

The first of the three billiard matches, each of 18,000 up, between Stevenson and the Australian, George Gray, in London, is now half completed, the scores being :—

Stevenson, 8,598.

Gray, 7,000.

The latter player, so far, has been out of form, while Stevenson, on the contrary, has been giving brilliant all round displays.

THE "MAINE" DISASTER.

Board of Enquiry's Finding.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.

A joint Army and Navy Board, as a result of exhaustive study, finds that the battleship "Maine" was blown up in Havana Harbour, on February 15th, 1898, by an external explosion.

THE "WILHELM II."

LONDON, Dec. 8.

The German battleship "Wilhelm II" has been refloated.

THE GERMAN ELECTIONS.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

The Reichstag has been dissolved. The new elections will take place on January 12th.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, Dec. 9.

The deaths are announced of William Griggs, founder of the *Indian Art Journal*, and of Major Hamilton Lindesy.

RUSSIA AND PERSIA.

Latter Proposes Terms.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 8.

Persia agrees to cancel the appointment of Mr. Lecoffre, and is willing to enter into friendly negotiations regarding Russia's other demands, except that under which Persia has to refer the appointment of foreign advisers to Britain and Russia. Persia hopes that the crisis will be terminated by the latter point not being pressed.

LONDON, Dec. 9.

In an interview with the *Temps*, M. Sazonoff, the Russian Foreign Minister, emphasized the fact that Russia is seeking no territorial aggrandizement in Persia.

Criticism of Lord Curzon.

LONDON, Dec. 9.

The *Novoye Vremya* to-day makes a violent attack on Lord Curzon for his speech on the 7th inst., and says he is one of the last of the old school, the policy of which is based on distrust of Russia.

The paper continues that should the independence of Persia be threatened, it would be mainly owing to the multifarious exhortations to resist Russia's just demands. Language like Lord Curzon's, adds the paper, can only excite the national *amour propre* of Russia and Britain, and benefit neither.

The journal welcomes the fact that responsible British people recognise that Russia has no aggressive intentions.

TEHERAN, Dec. 10.

Russia has sent a note to the Persian Government demanding the punishment of the murderers of Ala-ed-Dauleh, a former Governor of Fars.

The report of the debate on Persia in the House of Lords has gratified official circles here, who are convinced that the question concerning Russo-Persian relations will be settled through Great Britain.

ELECTORAL REFORM.

Determination of the Government.

LONDON, Dec. 10.

The Master of Elibank, speaking yesterday at York, said the Government were determined to pass the Electoral Reform Bill.

The last reign he said, had seen the settlement of the South African question and he hoped that this would see the settlement of the question of Ireland.

The rise of national idea in Scotland and Wales had increased the difficulties of the Opposition, compared with the difficulties it had to contend with in 1886.

INTERNATIONAL CRICKET.

The First Test Match.

LONDON, Dec. 9.

The weather was very hot for the resumption of the match between the M.C.C. and Australia at Brisbane. There were 7,500 spectators, and the wicket was in good condition.

The M. C. C. completed their first innings for 267, Douglas contributing 101 in a plucky innings.

The Australians then went in and made 277 runs for eight wickets, when stumps were drawn. Kelleway, in a stubborn innings, made 65, and Minnett, who gave an attractive display, 69, Crawford, who played vigorous cricket, scored 56, not out.

When the latter's score was 37, he was caught by Mead, at the boundary, but the umpire disallowed the catch, on the ground that Mead's foot was on the cycle track.

The Englishmen disagreed with the decision, and a sensation was caused, the game being stopped for some minutes.

COLLIERY DISASTER IN U. S.

200 People Entombed.

KNOXVILLE (TENNESSEE), Dec. 10.

Two hundred and seven people have been entombed in dust as a result of an explosion in a colliery here. Up to the present only three persons have emerged alive. The rescuers are impeded by the flames.

SCHULZ ESPIONAGE TRIAL.

An Amazing German View.

BERLIN, Dec. 10.

Though the Schulz trial is being held in secret, the German papers publish what they describe as inspired reports, taking the guilt of the prisoners for granted, and alleging that the existence has been proved of a great English system of espionage, in which the best society is taking part, love of sport impelling them to play with danger.

MACEDONIAN OUTRAGES.

Excitement in Bulgaria.

LONDON, Dec. 9.

There is growing excitement at Sofia as a result of the details which have been received of rioting at Ishtib, where, it is stated, 174 Bulgarians have been massacred. The papers urge the Government to take vigorous action.

VETERAN'S SAD END.

LONDON, Dec. 9.

An inquest has been held at Battersea on the body of an octogenarian, named Urquhart, formerly a captain in the Gordon Highlanders. He served with distinction in the Mutiny, and died destitute.

The War Office contributed two pounds to the expenses of burial, to save him from a pauper's grave.

LONDON, Dec. 10.

At the direction of Lord Roberts the Veterans' Relief Fund has contributed four pounds to the funeral of the former Captain Urquhart.

The Horse Guards are sending a gun carriage.

Sir P. N. Krishna Murthi, late Dewan of Mysore, who was not expected to survive Friday night, is in a somewhat improved condition, but the worst fears are still entertained.

TURCO-ITALIAN WAR.

The Turkish Retreat.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 9.

Telegrams from Tripoli show that the Turks, on the 4th instant, retreated in good order to a position affording facilities for movement in several directions, and possibilites of revictualling and obtaining reinforcements.

The Italian occupation of Ainzara, constitutes a stage in the protracted task of occupation of the hinterland.

ROME, Dec. 9.

Three battalions, at Derna, on Thursday last, encountered bands of Turks and Arabs, and endeavoured to surround the enemy, who fled. The Italians destroyed two successive lines of the enemy's trenches, doing great execution.

The Italians lost two killed.

THE OPIUM CONFERENCE.

Distribution of Raw Opium.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 9.

The Opium Conference unanimously passed the British resolution that every Government should frame effective laws to control the production and distribution of raw opium, and restrict the number of places at which import and export is permitted.

On the motion of the Persian delegate, it was resolved to communicate the decision of the Conference to nations which are not represented at the Conference, and request them to co-operate in the promotion of the objects of the Conference.

THE SUGAR CONVENTION.

The Russian Application.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 9.

The Sugar Convention met to-day to consider the Russian proposals to increase her export of bounty-fed sugar and the conditions upon which Russia would continue her membership of the union. The Russian delegate intimated that this would depend upon an improvement in the regulations affecting her.

The British delegates declared that sufficient ground existed to authorise Russia to increase her quota. The German delegates asked for more detailed explanations.

INDIAN COTTON GROWING.

American Seed in Tinnevelly.

LONDON, Dec. 9.

At a meeting of the Council of the British Cotton Growing Association, at Manchester, a sample of Indian cotton grown from American seed in Tinnevelly, was submitted. It was stated that three thousand bales of this cotton have been used at Oldham. It was thought most desirable that a letter be sent to the Indian authorities congratulating them and asking if steps could be taken to increase its production.

The opinion was expressed that the amount expended on the agricultural departments in India are altogether inadequate, and it was resolved to make representations to Lord Crewe, urging him to increase the annual grant for the purpose of promoting cotton growing.

NOTED DIVORCE SUIT.

Madame Curie Alleged to be Involved.

PARIS, Dec. 10.

The hearing has begun of the suit for divorce brought by his wife against the noted Sorbonne Professor, M. Langevin, for alleged misconduct with the famous Madame Curie.

A RUSSIAN DISASTER.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 9.

As a result of pressure of ice, the scaffolding of the new bridge over the Volga, near Mazan, gave way, and 150 workmen were thrown into the river. The bodies are now being recovered.

THE ABOR CAMPAIGN.

Road making Operations.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, Dec. 9.

General Officer, commanding Abor expedition, telegraphs from Camp Pusk under date December 8th that the day was spent in road-making and reconnaissance. An Abor was captured at Rotung.

A CONTRADICTION.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 10.

In reference to a report recently published in Calcutta that the Miri Expedition had been attacked and cut up the *Statesman* has received the following telegram despatched by a messenger to Lakhimpur and thence to Calcutta by telegraph : "Report unfounded all's well."

FREE EDUCATION.

A Punjab Notification.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, Dec. 9.

In the current issue of the *Punjab Gazette* it is notified that the children of agriculturists and village *kamins* shall be exempt from payment of admission and tuition fees in all primary classes (except the upper) of Anglo-Vernacular schools in which half-rates shall be levied. Children of parents who are too poor to pay fees may be exempted from payment of fees up to a limit, in primary classes, of ten per cent., and in secondary schools, of five per cent. of the total number on the rolls in each case. The children of teachers employed in recognised schools, whose salary does not exceed Rs. 30 per mensem, shall be exempt from payment of fees in vernacular schools and departments. Scholarshipholders should not, as a rule, be exempted from the payment of fees.

NEWS LATER THAN THE MAIL.

The following messages, which appeared in the Australian papers to hand yesterday morning, are later than those which came by the English mail:—

Canada.

Ottawa, Nov. 26.

The Dominion Government has appointed special Commissioners to draw up a scheme for co-operation between the Federal and provincial Governments in the matter of immigration.

Ontario's example in establishing a Board of Censors to examine cinematograph pictures is likely to be followed by other provinces in consequence of complaints against the undue prominence given to the American flag in many of the films exhibited.

The Chinese Problem.

Paris, Nov. 26.

Sun Yat Sen, one of the Chinese reform leaders now on his way to Canton, remarked to a Press representative here yesterday, that owing to the variety of customs and climatic differences a Republic on the lines of the United States, with each province preserving its autonomy, would be most suitable for China.

Stranded Maoris in England.

London, Nov. 26.

Only half of the Maoris, who were practically stranded in London, since they took part in the Festival of Empire, left for their homes by the s.s. Somerset to-day. Despite the disapproval of Sir Wm. Hall-Jones (High Commissioner for New Zealand) the others were persuaded to remain here in expectation of securing music hall engagements.

The English Turf.

London, Nov. 26.

The flag racing season terminated yesterday, and the Australian jockey, F. Wootton, heads the winning riders' list with 187 first and a percentage of 25.66 wins. C. Trigg is second with 111 wins (15.12 per cent.) and D. Maher third, with 99 wins (22.65 per cent).

Lord Derby won more than any other owner. A total of £43,065 stands to his credit, while J. B. Joel won £34,634.

The Beattie Tragedy.

New York, Nov. 24.

At Richmond, in Virginia, to-day, Henry Beattie was electrocuted for having murdered his wife, Mrs. Beattie was shot dead, while out driving in a motor-car with her husband, and the latter alleged that a highwayman murdered her despite his (Beattie's) struggles to prevent the tragedy. A gun, that was proved to belong to Beattie, was found some distance from the car, and subsequently Beattie confessed that he committed the murder.

A Mexican Plot.

Mexico City, Nov. 25.

A plot to place General Reyes at the head of the Government is declared to exist here. A general rising against President Madero is threatened.

Memorial to the Late King.

London, Nov. 26.

The King Edward Memorial Committee has approved of Mr. Bertram Mackennal's design for a statue of the late King to be erected in Piccadilly at the end of Broad Walk. Mr. Mackennal, with Mr. Edwin Lutyens as architect, will submit a complete model of the memorial to the committee within the next three months.

A Berlin Robbery.

Berlin, Nov. 26.

Over 400,000 marks (about £20,000) consisting largely of cash, and weighing 1 cwt., were stolen from a postal van in a crowded street inside of four minutes in the city yesterday. The police, afterwards, arrested a man, named Cavello, as he was carrying a sack of money orders. They searched his rooms, and recovered practically all the cash stolen from the van. Stolen securities valued at 100,000 marks were not found, and it is believed that Cavello and his accomplices burned these.

"GAZETTE OF INDIA" NOTIFICATIONS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

CALCUTTA, Dec. 8.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

The services of Captain Massy, 12th Pioneers, are placed at the disposal of the Government of Burma for employment in the Military Police.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

The Rev. J. F. Oddin Taylor is appointed a Chaplain on probation on the Bengal Establishment.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. L. S. Deane is posted as Government Examiner of Accounts, Assam Bengal Railway.

Mr. De Rhe Philipe is posted as Deputy Accountant General, Railways.

Mr. Cavagnah is posted to the office of Examiner of Accounts, Bengal State Railway.

Mr. Hafiz is posted as Assistant Accountant General, Bengal.

Mr. Judge is posted to the office of the Examiner of Accounts, Oudh and Rohilkhand Railway.

Mr. G. C. Wolfe is appointed Assistant Controller General.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

The appointment of Senor Don Domingo R. Pena as Consul-General for Chili is recognised.

The appointment of Monsieur L. R. Rauelothy as Acting Consul-General for Russia is recognised.

Major Kennion, Political Agent, is posted temporarily as additional Divisional Judge, Peshawar.

Mr. Barton, Political Agent, is placed on Special duty.

Captain A. C. Tancock and Lieutenant Boyle, King Edward's, Lancers, are transferred for employment in the North West Frontier Militia.

Major W. E. Scott Moncrieff, Agency Surgeon, is granted leave for one year and nine months.

Captain Taylor is posted as Civil Surgeon, Kunam. Captain Crossle is posted as Civil Surgeon, Miranshah. Lieutenant James, I.M.S., is posted as Assistant to the Chief Quarantine Medical Officer, the Persian Gulf.

PROTECTED MONUMENTS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, Dec. 9.

The notification of the 20th of September last declaring the tombs at Shahdara to be protected monuments has been confirmed by the Lieutenant-Governor. The monuments included in the notification are the mausoleum of Jehangir and ancient Sarai, the Akbari Sarai adjoining it, and the tombs of Asaf Khan and Nur Jehan.

BAMBOO PAPER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RANGOON, Dec. 9.

A Calcutta firm has started here a new paper manufacturing industry in which paper is made from crushed bamboo. The industry is receiving every assistance from the Government and promises to be a big business.

THEIR MAJESTIES AT DELHI.

REMARKABLE SERVICE IN CAMP.

A CONGREGATION OF 9,500 PEOPLE.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

CORONATION DURBAR CAMP, Dec. 9.

It was a quiet day in camp to-day, and many residents and other visitors took the opportunity to visit the Kutab Minar and other places of interest in the vicinity. In the morning the King-Emperor was still occupied in receiving official visits from the Chiefs, which are being returned in each instance by Lord Hardinge. In the afternoon Their Majesties witnessed the semi-final round in the polo tournament, the polo ground being the principal social rendezvous of the camp community. Its ample accommodation was taxed to the utmost on this occasion, while around three sides of each field a large number of native troops witnessed the games with great interest. British soldiers paid more attention to the final of the football tournament on the adjoining playing space.

The Governor-General, who was accompanied by his young daughter, the Hon. Diamond Hardinge, and escorted by the 1st Dragoon Guards, arrived first and the King and Queen, escorted by the 13th Hussars and the 11th Lancers, came about a quarter-of-an-hour later. Their Majesties watched the polo, took tea with their guests in a reserved pavilion, and stayed till play was over. They were loudly cheered both on arrival and departure.

During the interval between the two games the King walked across the ground to the adjoining football field and for a few minutes watched the play. He was received with tremendous cheering by soldiers of five or six British Regiments.

The polo ground is another instance of the marvellous organisation which one sees on every side in this wonderful camp. It has been admirably planned and well constructed. Two large playing fields have been made and between these a lofty terrace has been lead out on its banks as a tea garden. There are also three spacious pavilions, the centre one, used by Their Majesties, containing comfortable rooms, and others refreshment bars. Between each pavilion in the centre of the terrace are sunk gardens charmingly arranged and spanned by rustic bridges, while from the outer banks where the tea tables are, it is possible to obtain a fine view of either ground.

CORONATION DURBAR CAMP, Dec. 10.

Last night the terrace of the polo ground was again crowded when a very large number of people assembled to see the military tattoo in which a considerable number of troops took part. It was a pretty sight and not the least attractive feature of the event was the fine playing of the massed Military bands

This morning Their Majesties attended the Church service on the polo ground. The attendance of the public was limited by ticket, but with eight thousand troops present the congregation made a notable spectacle from the terrace.

In some respects, however, the service was rather disappointing. Many people had attended in the expectation that the singing of so many troops, joining with that of the congregation and the playing of the Military bands, would make the occasion one to be remembered. However, the troops did not appear to be supplied with hymn books and the remainder of the congregation treating the singing with considerable diffidence the service was a somewhat dull one.

Their Majesties had no other public engagements during the day.

RECEPTION OF RULING CHIEFS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CORONATION, DURBAR, Dec. 9.

At the reception held yesterday by the King-Emperor of the Ruling Chiefs, the following had the honour of being received :—The Maharaja of Travancore, the Raja of Cochin, the Maharaja of Kashmir, the Maharaja of Gwalior, the Maharaja of Indore, the Begum of Bhopal, the Maharaja of Rewa, the Maharaja of Orcha, the Raja of Dhar, the Rajas of Dewas (senior and junior), the Maharaja of Patiala, the Nawab of Bahawalpur, the Raja of Nabha, the Maharaja of Bhutan, the Maharaja of Sikkim, and the Khan of Kelat.

Yesterday evening Their Imperial Majesties gave a dinner party to which a large number of guests, including many of the non-official members of the Imperial Legislative Council, had the honour of being invited. The guests were:—

The Governor-General and Lady Hardinge, Sir Arthur Lawley and Lady Lawley, the Earl and Countess of Sefton, Lord Alington, the Jam Saheb of Navanagar, the Raja Saheb of Dhrangadhra, the Raja of Rajpipla, the Nawab of Radhanpur, the Thakore Saheb and Thakurani Saheba of Gondal, the Nawab of Janjira, Sir Mohamed Ali Muhamad Khan of Mahmudabad, the Hon. Mr. Mazharul Haque, the Hon. Mr. Maung Bah Too and Mrs. Bah Too, the Hon. Mr. M. B. Dadabhoy and Mrs. Dadabhoy, the Hon'ble Mr. G. M. Chitnavis, the Hon'ble Sir Vithaldas Damodar Thackersay, the Hon'ble Mr. G. K. Gokhale, the Hon'ble Mr. Mohamed Ali Jinnah, the Hon'ble Nawab Abdul Majid, the Hon'ble Mr. F. C. Gates and Mrs. Gates, the Hon'ble Mr. F. A. T. Phillips and Mrs. Phillips, the Hon'ble Sir Sassoon David, the Hon'ble Sir T. Wynne, the Hon'ble Mr. J. S. Meston and Mrs. Meston, the Hon'ble Mr. J. B. Brunyate and Mrs. Brunyate, the Hon'ble Mr. C. Stewart Wilson, the Hon'ble Rao Bahadur R. N. Mudholker, the Hon'ble Mr. B. Robertson and Mrs. Robertson, the Hon'ble Mr. L. C. Porter, the Hon'ble Major-General M. H. S. Grover and Mrs. Grover, the Hon'ble Mr. C. H. Armstrong, the Hon'ble Mr. Ghulam Mahomed Walad, Khan Bahadur Wali Muhammad Bhurgri, the Hon'ble Mr. W. H. Vincent and Mrs. Vincent, the Right Revd. Eyre Chatterton and Mrs. Chatterton, the Right Revd. R. S. Pyffe, the Right Revd. G. H. Westcott, Mr. W. H. Wood and Mrs. Wood, Mr. S. W. Finney and Mrs. Finney, Mr. S. W. Shaw, Mr. Justice H. S. Hartnoll and Mrs. Hartnoll, Mr. Justice Ormond and Mrs. Ormond, Mr. W. W. Drew and Mrs. Drew, Sir John Benton and Lady Benton, Surgeon-General F. W. Trevor, and Mrs. Trevor, Major-General D. T. Mahon, Major-General Sir A. A. Barrett and Lady Barrett, Mr. Claude Hill, and Mrs. Hill, the Hon. Surgeon-General H. W. Stevenson and Mrs. Stevenson, the Hon'ble Mr. D. C. Baill, the Hon'ble Mr. G. A. Tweedie, Col. P. Z. Cox and Mrs. Cox, the Raja of Chota Udaipur, the Raja of Baria, the Raja Saheb of Wankaner, the Nawab of Sachin, the Thakur Saheb of Limbdi, the Takur Saheb of Rajkot, Brig.-General W. E. Peyton and Mrs. Peyton, Brig.-General H. V. Cox and Mrs. Cox, and Lieut-Colonel F. A. Maxwell and Mrs. Maxwell. The aides-de-camp in waiting to the Governor-General and ladies and gentlemen of Their Majesties' Household.

MILITARY TATTOO.

There was a grand military tattoo, with massed bands, on the polo ground at 9-30 to-night, under the leadership of Major Stretton.

The King-Emperor, the Queen-Empress, the Governor-General and Lady Hardinge, and staffs, and about 8,000 spectators were present.

Their Majesties, on leaving about 11 p.m., were enthusiastically cheered.

SUNDAY IN CAMP.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CORONATION DURBAR, Dec. 10.

Sunday was observed in the Camp to-day, and the Military Parade Service which was a feature of the Lytton and the Curzon Durbars was held in the morning on Jagatpur Island opposite the Delhi Garrison troop camp. Fifteen hundred civilians and the whole of the British troops in the Coronation Camp were present. Their Majesties, accompanied by the full escort and staff, arrived at the Parade Ground at 10-30 a.m. A procession was formed and the Rev. K. G. Foster, with the processional cross, led and immediately behind him were the Archdeacon of Lahore and the Archdeacon of Lucknow; the Rev. G. J. Chree came next followed by the Bishop and clergy in the following order :—

1. The Bishop of Lucknow; 2, the Rev. B. W. Hulman; 3, the Bishop of Chota Nagpur; 4, the Rev R. T. B. Irwin; 5, the Bishop of Bombay; 6, the Rev. W. F. H. Garstein, the Bishop of Rangoon, the Rev. R. T. Kirwan, the Bishop of Nagpur, the Rev. K. C. Harwood, the Bishop of Madras, the Rev. E.O. Jervis, the Rev. G. D. Barnes with the pastoral staff was next in the procession and the Bishop of Labon was immediately in front of Their Imperial Majesties who were followed by the Governor-General and the Royal suite. The entire congregation rose as the procession advanced singing "Now thank we all our God." The massed European bands which accompanied Their Majesties took their places on a raised dais and the religious portion of the ceremony commenced with the reading of "The Lord is in his holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him." The most impressive moment was when she massed bands came forth with the familiar hymn "Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens, Adore Him," the voices of the great assembly mingling in the well loved tune.

The Rev. G. J. Chree then read with a clear voice the lesson from St. Peter, Ch. 2. verses 13 to 17, beginning with the words, "Be subject to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake." The Bishop of Lahore rendered the prayers, his sonorous voice carrying the solemn words far out into the vast assemblage.

THE SERMON.

The Bishop of Madras was also clearly heard in the sermon which he preached from the tent.

His Lordship took for his Text, Revelation Ch. I, verses 1-15:—"The Kingdom of the World is become the Kingdom of Our Lord and of His Christ." He said :—"Our service this morning forms part of a great historic event unique in the history of the British Empire, and it is more impressive, because it is being offered not only by this congregation, but by many thousands of our brethren and Europeans throughout India. The prayers which we have used are being said this morning in cities and villages in cathedrals, and mud prayer-houses, in twenty different languages, and this union in prayer on this historic occasion expresses our deep sense of the spiritual and religious truths which lie behind the Coronation Durbar. We believe that all power comes from God. The splendour of the scenes amid which our Empsror is crowned emphasises the truth that he reigns as God's representative. Behind all the magnificence of this Durbar stands the supreme sovereignty of God. And as we worship this morning before God's Throne the whole signification of the Coronation of our King lies in our profound belief that he is truly called by God to his high office, that he has received from the hands of God, the crown of the British Empire and that he is anointed by the Holy Spirit of God to give him wisdom and strength for his great work. I speak only as a representative of the Christian community in India, but our non-Christian fellow subjects believe no less firmly than we do in the Divine authority of their Sovereign, and the enthusiastic loyalty felt by the whole people of India towards their Emperor is due in no small degree to their belief that he rules over them as the representative of God. This service, too, brings home to us the vast responsibility of Empire. As all power is from God, so it is given us to fulfil the purpose of God. The history of the world is the gradual fulfilment oven through the working of human passions and ambitions of God's eternal will. Whatever is out of harmony with that will comes to naught ; whatever opposes it is swept away. The Kingdom of the World must at last become the Kingdom of Our Lord and of His Christ, that Kingdom where the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man reigns supreme. It may seem now a goal that is very far off, but whether far or near, it is the final goal towards which God is guiding all created life. And the permanent value of any empire or any social institution must depend upon its power of bringing nearer the Kingdom of God by making real and effective in the world the ideal of brotherhood. Here then lies the work of our Empire in the coming year. And let us not forget that the achievement of this great end does not lie merely with statesmen and politicians, but far more with ordinary people in the ordinary routine of daily life. What is needed above all things is the sweeping away of the narrow traditions and un-Christian feelings that make brotherhood impossible and a sincere effort on the part of individual man and woman to look fairly at the facts of life in the spirit of Christ and to apply to their relations with all classes and all races the principle of brotherhood. We need not keep steadily before us the very higher ideal that the Gospel of Jesus Christ can give us. We must not be content with lower standards. The Englishman in India stands for efficiency, for duty, for justice; let him also stand still more definitely for brotherhood and love. nothing less than the love and self-sacrifice of Christ will avail for the great work of Empire, which God has entrusted to us to-day. There are high barriers and deep gulfs that separate race from race and class from class in our Empire and in the world. The one power that can enable us to bridge the gulfs and break down the barriers is the love of God, and the power of the living Christ in our hearts and lives. God grant that this power may be ours. May this great gathering at Delhi of so many races and people united in one common sentiment of loyalty to our King-Emperor be the foreshadowing of a still higher unity in the days to come, when through stress and storm, through conflict and self-sacrifice, through faith and love, we move steadily on towards the final goal when brotherhood becomes no longer an ideal but a reality, and the Kingdom of the World becomes indeed the Kingdom of Our Lord and of His Christ."

The service, which was impressive throughout closed with the Benediction and the singing of the National Anthem. The King was in undress Field Marshall's uniform, and the Queen wore a white embroidered gown of exquisite simplicity with black hat in which was a wreath of pink roses.

The route was lined with Imperial Service Troops and various Indian Army Regiments. The service lasted about half an hour the massed bands and Military choir were under the direction of Major Stretton.

DURBAR SPORT.

The Football Final.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CORONATION DURBAR CAMP, Dec. 9.

There was an enormous gathering on the football ground this afternoon to witness the final of the Coronation Durbar football tournament in which the Lancashire Fusiliers met the Border Regiment. The Lancashire Fusiliers started slightly the favourites, but the betting was very even, and those who expected a keen struggle were not disappointed. The King-Emperor was present and divided his attention between the two games, polo and football which went on simultaneously in different portions of the grounds. The Lancashire Fusiliers won eventually by a goal (scored in the second half) to love. The Fusiliers lost the toss and began against the sun. They at once rushed the ball into dangerous proximity to the Borderers' goal and sent in shot after shot but to no purpose. For, the Border goalkeeper stopped them whether they came high or low, swift or slow. The Fusiliers kept up the pressure, forcing several corners with embarassing rapidity, but could not beat the defence. At length, Josselyn and Shearer, two of the Border forwards, took a fine pass from Elwood and raced down the middle of the ground but Russell, (half-back) and Heffernan, (back), saved the situation. Then followed some dingdong play in the centre of the ground. The Fusiliers once obtained control and looked like scoring, but Russell again came to the rescue and by some excellent head work transferred the strife to neutral ground. The Fusiliers attacked again but once more failed to beat the Borderers' goalkeeper.

After the interval the Fusiliers again assumed the offensive but for sometime failed to get past the Borderers' goalkeeper; but he was at last beaten by what looked to the spectators an easy shot. The ball came from the left wing, direct at him, low and without much pace. He stopped it but failed to hold and it trickled over the line. From this point to the end of the game play was more even. The Fusiliers maintained their lead and won as already stated by a goal to nil.

They were heartily applauded by the crowd. Play was remarkably clean and the Referee's job was practically a sinecure.

His Imperial Majesty the King attended by the Governor-General, Lord Crewe and suite, witnessed a portion of the game and was heartily cheered both on coming to the ground and on returning to the Polo Pavilion.

The Tournament has been interesting and run most smoothly owing to the tact and resource of the indefatigable Secretary, Captain Chamier.

The Cup will be presented to the winners by Her Majesty the Queen-Empress on the 15th instant, after the termination of the military tournament.

THE POLO TOURNAMENT.

RESULTS OF SEMI-FINALS.

Their Imperial Majesties the King and Queen paid a first visit to the polo grounds this afternoon, arriving at the western enclosure at twenty minutes to four, and were heartily cheered on their arrival. They watched the match between the King's Dragoon Guards and Bhopal for a short time and thereafter witnessed the match between the Inniskilling and Kishengarh. At an interval in the latter match His Majesty walked across the field, and visited the football ground and thereafter returned to the polo stand. The Queen was wearing a beautiful flowered brocade dress and a shaded hat trimmed with pink feathers.

KING'S DRAGOON GUARDS VS. BHOPAL.

This was an uninteresting game, which the Guards won by ten goals to love. The immense superiority of their ponies determined the issue from the onset, the opposing ponies being run off their feet. The first chukker let the winners away with a start of two goals which they increased at the rate of approximately a goal in each chukker. In the early part of the game the Bhopals narrowly missed three goals and this, combined with the strenuous character of the Guards attack, seemed to affect the Bhopal's subsequent play. At half-time the score was six to nil in favour of the Guards who, from this point, had the game all on their own. The Guards shooting was very accurate. After half-time the public lost interest in the match and watched the other semi-final. The sides were :—

King's Dragoon Guards—(1) Capt. Rasbotham (2) Mr. C. Weinhelt; (3) Capt. L. Cheape and (4) Major Wiekham.

Bhopal:—(1) Jemadar Ghulam Ahmad. (2) Capt Abdul Wahid; (3) Imtisaz Ali and (4) Capt. J. F. Todd.

INNISKILLINGS VS. KISHENGARH.

The second game was between the Inniskillings and Kishengarh, and resulted, after a fast and exciting struggle, in a win for the Inniskillings by four goals to three. The winners scored a goal in the first chukkur and Kishengarh equalised in the second. In the third chukkur Motilal was crossed by an Inniskilling and carried off the field, his place being taken by a waiting man. Then the Inniskillings scored another goal and both sides added further points in the 4th chukkur. In the remaining chukkur the Inniskillings had slightly the best of matters. Colemore and Ritson played dashing polo for the Inniskillings, but the hitting of the Kishengarh team was the feature of the game, especially that of Beni Singh and Motilal. The teams were:—

Inniskilling:—(1) Capt. Nixon, (2) Mr. Colemore (3) Cap. Ritson and (4) Capt. Bower.

Kishengarh, (1) Ratan Singh, (2) H. H. the Maharajah, (3) Thakur Beni Singh and (4) Risaldar Motilal.

Enquiries made after the game go to show that Motilal was only shaken badly.

When the accident happened the St. John Ambulance Corps were quickly on the scene, and conveyed the sufferer to his camp.

The accident occurred quite close to Their Majesties.

CORONATION DURBAR, Dec. 10.

In the afternoon when the King-Emperor and Queen-Empress drove to the Tournament grounds, the procession of carriages was formed as follows :—

First Carriage :—The King-Emperor and the Queen-Empress.

Second Carriage :—The Duke of Teck, the Duchess of Devonshire, Captain B. Godfrey Faussett.

Third Carriage :—The Marquis of Crewe, the Lord High Stewart, Major Lord C. Fitzmaurice.

Major Stockley and Captain Hogg were in attendance on horse back. The escort was furnished by the 13th Hussars and 3rd Skinner's Horse.

Colonel Stanton and Colonel the Viscount Hardinge were in attendance at the Polo ground. On arrival the King-Emperor and Queen Empress were received by the Governor-General and Lady Hardinge.

BOXING TOURNAMENT.

CORONATION DURBAR, Dec. 9.

The following are the results at the Coronation Durbar Boxing Tournament, on the eleventh night:—

SECOND ROUND.

Feather Weights:—Lance Corporal Watkinson, Essex Regt. vs. Pte. Hirst, West Riding Regt. The former won on points after fighting an extra round. A very good fight. Lce. Cpl. Tighe, Connaught Rangers vs. Pte. Elliot Durham Light Infantry. The former won on points.

Bantam Weights:—Pte. MacVeam, Black Watch versus Rfm. George, 4th K. K. Corps. The former won on points completely. Pte. McKenna, (Seaforth Highlanders) versus Pte. Ruffell, (Essex Regiment). The former had the best of it, getting in every time with a straight left, and gained the verdict.

Light Weights:—Corpl Wilson, (10th Hussars) versus Pte. King, (King's Regiment). The former was nearly knocked out in the second round, but made a great recovery and in the third round gained the verdict. Pte. Macdonald, (Seaforth Highlanders), versus Cpl. Shepherd, (Royal West Kent Regiment). The first two rounds were dull; no fighting. Shepherd, in the last round, proved his superiority and won the fight.

THIRD ROUND.

Feather Weights:—Pte. Mortimer, (5th Fusiliers,) versus Pte. McGuire, (H. L. I.). After a close fight Pte. Mortimer won on points. Pte. Wallace, (Royal Scots), versus Pte. Denham, (Loyal North Lancashires). Fighting was dull with little done for two rounds. Wallace won a poor fight on points.

Bantam Weights :—Rfm. Nelson, 4th K. K. Corps versus Pte. Grimmett, Royal Welsh Fusi-

liers. The former won on points. Pte. Brieselden, (Royal West Kent Regiment), versus Bombardier Nuttall, (4th Brigade, R. F. A.), Nuttall had the better of the first two rounds but after the third round Brieselden gained the verdict. Pte. Harford, (Royal Scots), versus Pte. Gravener, (Royal Fusiliers). The latter knocked his man out in three seconds. Pte. Dwyer, (the King's Regiment) versus Pte. Regan, (Essex Regiment) Close fighting in every round, but Dwyer, proving himself a more scientific man, won the fight on points.

Light Weights:—Pte. Donnally, (Gordon Highlanders), versus Pte. Sly, (Middlesex Regiment). The former fought an uphill fight, and, in spite of Sly's superior hitting powers, succeeded in putting up a good fight. The fight was awarded to Sly.

Middle Weights:—Pte. Taylor, Cameron Highlanders, versus Pte. Jones, Lancashire Fusiliers. The former won on points after the extra round.

The following regiments have gained five points:—Essex, Middlesex, Royal West Kents, Royal Scots, Loyal North Lancashires, and Lancashire Fusiliers. The Royal Fusiliers have gained four points towards the Challenge Cup.

CORONATION DURBAR DEC. 10.

FIRST ROUND.

Catch Weights, (Officers)—Capt. G. W. Atkins, 25th Punjabis, vs. Lt. E. G. W. Carter, No. 1 Mountain Battery, R. G. A. The former gave in after the second round.

SECOND ROUND.

Catch Weights—Pte. Grant, Seaforth Highlanders, vs. Gunner Hillier, 17th Bde., R. F. A. Grant knocked Hillier out in third round after a good fight.

THIRD ROUND.

Middle Weights.—Pte. Third, Gordon Highlanders, scratched to Gunner Smith, 4th Bde. R. F. A.

Feathers.—Pte. Robson, Durham Light Infantry, versus Pte. Haldane, Royal Scots. Haldane scored in every round and won after a fairly good fight. Pte. Lowery, Connaught Rangers, versus L-C Smith, 17th Lancers. Smith won on points after a hard fight. Private Osbourne, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, versus Gunner Ball, Highland Light Infantry. A very close fight decided in favour of Osbourne by an extra round.

Light Weights.—Pte. Bonnar, Loyal North Lancashire Reg., versus Corpl. Sherwood, 4th Worcester Regt. Sherwood knocked his man out in the second round having shown himself the better man.

Pte. Townsend, R. Welsh Fusiliers, vs. Rifleman Curzon, 4th K. R. R. Corps. Curzon won a good fight on points.

Bantams.—Pte Murray, 13th Hussars, versus Pte. Banyard, Lancashire Fusiliers. The latter forced the fighting from the start to finish and eventually won on points. Dr. Fairman, Munster Fusiliers, versus Pte. Dale, Royal Welsh Fusiliers. Fairman as usual forced the fighting; throughout showed a poor science but staying powers and won on points. Pte. O'Keefe, Middlesex Regt., versus Dr. Jennings, South Lancashire Regt. Jennings showed good foot work and more science and won on points.

Middles Weights.—Pte. Biddle, Royal Berkshire Regt. vs. Gunner Howes, 4th Bde. R. F. A. Pte. Diddle won on points after a close fight.

Gunner Christian, Lancashire Fusiliers, vs. Lce. Corporal Reynolds, Connaught Rangers. Gunner Christian won the fight on a foul in the second round (struck when down). Lce. Cpl. Hickie West Riddings, vs. Pte. Pamphilion, Royal Fusiliers. Hickie won a poor fight on points.

BANGALORE TOURNAMENT.

A FREE FIGHT.

BANGALORE, DEC. 9.

A free fight, which at one time threatened to assume serious proportions, marked the close of the second game of the local Durbar hockey tournament for Indian troops, on the Gymkhana ground last night. The 119th Mooltan Infantry, who defeated the 101st Grenadiers on Tuesday, met the 81st Pioneers and in the opening half of the game the former shot two goals; in the second half the Pioneers equalised. Extra time was being arranged for, when partisan cheering degenerated into jeers, and an Indian officer of the 81st, in trying to stop it, was struck by a sepoy of the 119th. Combative sides were instantly taken with hockey sticks. A great crowd of sepoys of both regiments, snatching up the poles, which were planted along the adjoining road for the double day illumination on Tuesday, joined in the fray. The melee lasted over five minutes, but, fortunately, Colonel Chitty, commanding the 19th, was on the ground and was able to intervene effectually, assisted by Captain Watson of the 81st Pioneers. The factions were separated.

Six men who were injured were removed and it was decided to play off the draw on Monday.

The second game of the same round was played off simultaneously on the neighbouring ground of the Cameron Highlanders and resulted in a win for the 20th Deccan Horse, who beat the 2nd Sappers and Miners, by four goals to nil.

In the tournament for British Troops "O" Battery R. H. A. met the Cameron Highlanders this evening the latter winning by four goals to nil.

The cup was presented by Mrs. Butler, wife of Col. Butler, R. A. Major-General Mackenzie Kennedy made a short speech congratulating the winners.

COURT CIRCULAR.

[BY WIRE.]

DECEMBER 9TH 1911.

The King-Emperor, this morning, held a further reception of the Ruling Chiefs when the remaining Chiefs who were not received previously had the honour of being received by His Imperial Majesty in the Audience Chamber. After the reception the King-Emperor inspected the guard-of-honour the 1st Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers, and the 1st Battalion King George's own Gurkha Rifles which were mounted in front of the reception tent.

Yesterday, the Queen-Empress, attended by the Duchess of Devonshire, the Countess of Shaftesbury, the Hon. Venetia Baring and Major-General Sir Stewart Beatson (equerry in waiting), visited the Kutub Minar and surrounding places of interest.

[BY WIRE.]

DECEMBER 9TH, 1911.

The reception of Ruling Chiefs:—The King Emperor this morning held a further reception of the Ruling Chiefs when the following had the honour of being received in turn by His Imperial Majesty in the Audience Chamber:—

Bombay:—The Nawab of Palanpur, the Jam of Nawanagar, the Maharajah of Bhavnagar, the Raj Sahib of Dhrangadra, the Rajah of Rajpipla, the Nawab of Cambay, the Nawab of Radhanpur, the Thakur Sahib of Gondal, the Nawab of Janjira, the Sultan of Lahej, the Sultan of Shehr and Mocalla, the Fadthli Sultan, the Rajah of Dhrampore, the Rajah of Baroda, the Rajah of Chhota Udaipur, the Maharwal of Bhaira, the Nawab of Sachin, the Raj Sahib of Wankaner, the Thakur Sahib of Palitana, the Thakur Sahib of Limbdi, the Thakur Sahib of Rajkot, the Chief of Bhor, the Chief of Mudhol.

Rajputana.—The Raj Rana of Jhalawar.

Central India.—The Maharajah of Samthar, the Nawab of Jaora, the Rajah of Rutlam, the Maharajah of Panna, the Maharajah of Charkhari, the Maharajah of Bijawar, the Maharajah of Chhatarpur, the Rajah of Sitamau, the Rajah of Sailana, the Rajah of Rajghar, the Rajah of Narsinghar, the Rajah of Earwani, the Rana of Alirajpur.

Bengal.—The Maharajah of Cooch-Behar, the Rajah of Kasond.

United Provinces.—The Nawab of Rampur, the Maharajah of Benares, the Rajah of Tehri (Garhwal.)

Punjab.—The Rajah of Jind, the Rajah of Kapurthala, the Rajah of Mandi, the Rajah of Sirmur (Nahan), the Rajah of Bilaspur (Kahlur), the Nawab of Kotla, the Rajah of Faridkot, the Rajah of Chamba, the Rajah of Suket, the Nawab of Loharu.

Madras.—The Rajah of Pudukottai.

Eastern Bengal and Assam: The Rajah of Hill Tippera, the Rajah of Manipur.

Burma.—The Sawbwa of Kengtung, the Sawbwa of Yanghwe, the Sawbwa of Hsipaw.

Baluchistan.—The Jam of Las Bela.

The Lord in Waiting.—Lieut.-Genl. Sir H. Smith Dorrien.

Equerries in Waiting.—Major Lord C. Fitzmaurice and Captain B. Godfrey Faussett, and Brigadier General Birdwood, Brigadier General Mercer, Col. Viscount Hardinge, Captain Ashburner and Captain Hall were in attendance.

After the reception the King-Emperor inspected the Guard of Honour of the 1st Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers, and the 1st Battalion, King George's Own Gurkha Rifles, which were mounted in front of the Reception Tent.

Yesterday the Queen Empress in the morning visited the Kutab Minar and surrounding places of interest. Her Imperial Majesty was attended by the Duchess of Devonshire, the Countess of Shaftesbury, the Hon'ble Venetia Baring and Major-General Sir Stuart Beatson (Equerry in Waiting).

This morning, the Queen-Empress held a reception of Indian ladies who presented an address of welcome to Her Imperial Majesty. The Duchess of Devonshire and the Countess of Shaftesbury were in attendance.

THE MOFUSSIL.

CALCUTTA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 9.

Thirteen troop trains are expected to arrive in Calcutta, during the next three days, via Kidderpore Docks to Babu Ghat, Hastings, and four at Howrah, bringing the East Yorkshires (already arrived) from Fyzabad, a battery of the Royal Horse Artillery and the Black Watch.

CALCUTTA, DEC. 10.

A meeting of Shebaits and inhabitants of Kaligaut was held at the residence of the chief Shebait of the temple yesterday when it was unanimously resolved to celebrate the Coronation of Their Imperial Majesties by recitation of "Chandi," prayers for their prosperous reign from 7 to 9 in the morning, a special *pooja* of the goddess, feeding of poor and massed Sankirtan.

While the State parade service is being directed at Delhi by the Bishop of Lahore, similar services will at conducted in all the Anglican Churches in Calcutta. Special services have been arranged to take place at St. John's and the Cathedral. The Rev. A. H. Beaumont will preach at the former, while at the latter the service will be conducted by the Ven. W. J. Wickins, Archdeacon of Calcutta.

HYDERABAD.

SECUNDERABAD, DEC. 10.

Though somewhat belated, the programme of the Coronation celebrations at Hyderabad and Secunderabad are now issued. At Hyderabad a strong Committee presided over by Mr. Wakefield, Inspector-General, Revenue Department, have arranged for the celebrations on the Futteh Maidan and about a thousand beautifully got up invitations have been sent out. At 3 p. m. the pupils of the Hyderabad and Residency schools will assemble opposite the Grand Stand and the Boy Brigades of H. H. the Nizam's Regular and District Police Forces will be present and trumpeters will sound a flourish of advance and after a second flourish the Proclamation will be read in English and Urdu. The massed bands will play the National Anthem and after an Imperial salute and three cheers, medals will be distributed and cheers for the Nizam will be followed by the march past. A musical, military and physical drill, display of fireworks and electric illuminations will terminate what promises to be a very fitting celebration.

SECUNDERABAD.

At Secunderabad active preparations have been going on by a representative committee with Col. Cowie, Cantonment Magistrate, as president. A parade of all troops in garrison will be held on the general parade ground at 12 noon when Lieut. Col. Wolly Dodd, D. S. O. (Sherwood Foresters) commanding the troops, will read the Royal Proclamation. At 1-30, the school children of Bolarum, Trimulgherry and Secunderabad will assemble and march to the Maidan polo ground headed by bands and elephants and Col. Cowie will read the Proclamation. The finals of the sports for children will then be held followed by popular sports, side shows and fireworks. The poor will also be fed and clothed during the afternoon.

Already shops and other buildings are gay with buntings and the illuminations both at Hyderabad and Secunderabad will be on an extensive scale.

RANGOON.

RANGOON, DEC. 10.

A State service was held to-day in Christ Church, Cantonment, the ceremony being similar to that appointed for use at the State service at the Coronation Durbar, Delhi. The 1st Border Regiment paraded in full strength and the Rangoon Volunteer Rifles and Mounted Rifles also turned out in good numbers. General Herbert and Staff and a large number of officers and civilians were present. Special prayers, for the King, the Royal Family, and the Viceroy, the Government of India, the Church and for Indian Princes and for unity were offered. This was followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

The Revd. Cowper Johnson preached a sermon taking as his text: "He hath on his vesture and on his nigh name written King of Kings and Lord of Lords." The most impressive ceremony ended by the congregation singing the "Te Deum."

MADRAS.

MADRAS, DEC. 9.

The Durbar for the purpose of making known the celebration of the Coronation of Their Majesties will be held at noon at the Banqueting Hall, on the 12th instant, when the Hon. Mr. J. N. Atkinson, Member of the Executive Council, will preside.

BANGALORE.

BANGALORE, DEC. 10.

In all Anglican Churches to-day, the State Service of the Coronation Durbar was observed, especially at Holy Trinity Church, where there was an imposing Military attendance and Kipling's "Recessional" was sung. There was thanksgiving for the King's Coronation in many of the Dissenting and other churches.

BOMBAY CELEBRATIONS.

A public meeting of the Mahomedans of Bombay, under the auspices of the Anjuman-i-Islam, will be held to-morrow at 9-30 a.m. (S. T.) at the Anjuman Hall, Hornby Road, to celebrate the auspicious occasion of the declaration by Their Imperial Majesties of their Coronation.

A social gathering of the Daiwadnya community, under the auspices of the Daiwadnya Samaj, in honour of the Imperial Delhi Darbar will be held to-morrow, in the Hall of Mr. Harichandra Pandurang Pitale, Cawasji Patel Tank Road, at 5 p.m., when prayers will be offered for Their Imperial Majesties' long life and prosperity. The children of the community will also be entertained on the occasion and mementoes of the Coronation will be given to them.

A special meeting of the Young Men's Mahomedan Association in honour of Their Imperial Majesties' Coronation at Delhi will be held to-morrow at 3-30 p.m. (S.T.), in the Anjuman Islam School Hall, New Nagpada, when Mr. M. U. Nazim will read a poem especially composed for the occasion.

In celebration of the Coronation Darbar of Their Imperial Majesties King-Emperor George V and Queen-Empress Mary, a Hari Kirtan will be preached in the Zaoba Maudir to-morrow, between 3-30 and 5-30 p.m. (S.T.)

On the occasion of the Delhi Durbar, a dinner will be held in the Panjebhoy Club at 7-30 p.m., under the presidentship of Mr. Jafferbhoy Rahimtoola.

SERVICE IN BOMBAY.

The State parade service was held at St. Thomas's Cathedral, Bombay, at 10-30 yesterday morning. The Service was the same as that used at Delhi; a specially arranged Office which included Psalm XX, the Lesson and Hymn 292. "Praise the Lord: ye Heavens adore Him." The Apostles' Creed was followed by antiphonal sentences, the prayers being for the King-Emperor, the Royal Family, the Governor-General and the Government of India, the Church, the Indian Princes and the Peoples of India.

The National Anthem was sung in full accompanied by the bands of the regiments attending the Service and followed by the General Thanksgiving from the Prayer Book and the Benediction. The "Te Deum" was also sung.

A sermon was preached.

The troops present included the 7th Dragoons, the R. H. A., and the Loyal North Lancs.

The service was impressive and a number of civilians were present.

POLICE ARRANGEMENTS.

Attention is drawn to the notification appearing over the signature of the Commissioner of Police in an advertisement column. Those who propose to be present at the Proclamation ceremony at the Oval are advised to make themselves acquainted with the various routes prescribed for carriages.

SPORTING NEWS.

BOMBAY RACES.

First Extra Meeting.

On Saturday the Bombay racing season, which yearly forms a much appreciated cold weather diversion, commenced, and a fair number of sportsmen and spectators congregated in the enclosures to witness the results in a programme of six events. The enclosures are little changed in aspect, but the authorities have remedied a previously noticeable defect by erecting a roof over the stand in the second enclosure which protects the heads of the spectators from the sun. The books of the bookmakers once so familiar a sight in this same enclosure are now conspicuous by their absence. Although the attendance was a good one for an opening extra meeting there was a marked absence of ladies who usually attend the gatherings in large numbers. The band of the G. I. P. Railway Volunteers supplied the selections of music which enlivened the intervals between the races.

The entries for the six races on the card were not so large as might have been expected and one noticed an absence of new Arabs which usually swell the fields at the opening of a Bombay season. In fact, in most cases, the names of the ponies running were familiar to regular racegoers. This was in favour of the punters who had a good day as in most races the first or second favourites passed the post first. In more than one instance the bookmakers' prices showed two horses at level prices in one race amongst the jockeys. Evans carried away the honours of the day winning three out of the six events and riding second once. His victory on Ashroff was a proof of his knowledge of jockeyship and provided one of the two exciting finishes of the day, the other being when Taylor on Creditor was only just beaten by Ames on Kimberley after a severe struggle in the straight. Many of the public were of opinion before the numbers went up that Creditor had won or at least dead-heated, but Taylor should perhaps have brought his mount up a little earlier in the race. Fraser, Fergusson and Ames rode the remaining winning mounts.

In the first race Good Evening was made favourite although Zuffer Beg was well supported. In the race itself, although Good Evening showed up well in the earlier stages, there was no doubt as to the superiority of Evans's mount when the horses came into the straight and Zuffer Beg won with ease. The second race saw Jehangir made favourite, while Ashroff came in only for casual public support. The finish was one of the most interesting of the day. Jehangir got away well, but fell back near the bend and, coming into the straight, Evans brought his mount up cleverly on the rails. Up the straight Ashroff was closely challenged by the outsider, Order, who got second place, Mr. Gosuldas's candidate only placing third. In the third race of the day, Huka was soon made an "odds on" favourite, while Bright Metal was well supported for a place and by some for a win. The race was Huka's throughout, but Bright Metal, although making up ground at the end, only ran third to her stable companion, Metal Girl's second. The fourth Plate again saw a Gosuldas entry made favourite in Shawcutt although Money Gold was only a quarter of a point longer in the odds. Both ponies had a strong following while place speculations were chiefly made on Harry Johnson. Shawcutt came up after Money Gold had led out for a time, but entering the straight Money Gold once more passed Shawcutt and won easily, Harry Johnson following him into second place. The Little Arab Plate provided the closest finish of the day. Kimberley was first made favourite, but the public realised that Creditor was also in the race with only three pounds difference and the two started joint favourites. Happy Land made the running for Creditor which came up rather late. In the straight a great struggle ensued between Creditor and Kimberley, the verdict going to the latter by a head. In the last race of the day Evans's mount, Turkish General, was made favourite while Ferguson's mount, Gold Belt, came in for some support. However, towards the close of the betting there was a rush on Gold Belt's stable companion, Soomsam which was backed down from "sixes" to "threes." Soomsam led out to the three furlongs when Turkish General came up and won by four lengths from Soomsam whose native jockey Ahmed was whipping all the way up the straight.

DETAILS OF THE RACING.

The details are as follows:—

THE ACTION PLATE.—3-10 p.m: Winner, Rs. 500; second, Rs. 200; third, Rs. 100. For Arabs 14 hands and under which have not won a flat race value Rs. 500 or over since 31st March, 1909. Distance 4 furlongs.

Mr. A. S. Oomer's Zuffer Beg 8st. 7lbs.....Evans 1
Aboobaker A. Rehman's Good Evening 7st. 3lbs. A. Ferguson 2
Habib's Sinclair 8st. 4lbs.....Kamad 3

ALSO RAN:—Leader 6st. 11lbs., Flying Machine 8st. 2lbs., Little Sanaya 8st. 1lbs. ed. 8st 3lbs.

BETTING:—6 to 4 on Good Evening, 7 to 4 against Zuffer Beg, tens and longer odds the rest.

THE RACE.—Good Evening, Little Sanaya and Flying Machine led out in line from Zuffer Beg on the rails. After a furlong Flying Machine came down and Sinclair displaced Little Sanaya. Nearing the bend Zuffer Beg came upon the rails and won easily. Won by four lengths, three lengths. Time —54 seconds.

(Winner trained by Owner.)

The totalisator paid Rs. 25 for the win and Rs. 11-8 and Rs. 11 for places.

ARAB PONY TRIAL PLATE:—3-40 p.m.—Winner, Rs. 500; second, Rs. 200; third Rs. 100. For Arab Ponies 14 hands and under which have not won a flat race value Rs. 2,000 or over since 31st March, 1909. Distance 6 furlongs:—

Mr. A. S. Oomer's Ashroff 9st. 5lbs.....Evans 1
Mr. Abdoola Faraa's Order 7st. 9lbs.....Yusuf 2
Mr. Gosuldas's Jehangir 9st.....Ames 3

ALSO RAN:—Young Thara 8st. 4lbs., Makeie 8st. 10lbs., Massal 8st. 7lbs., Soomsam 8st. 5lbs., Dilkhush 8st. 4lbs.

BETTING:—5 to 4 against Jehangir; 6 to 4 Ashroff; 7 to 1 Soomsam; 10 to 1 Order and Young Thara, longer odds the rest.

THE RACE:—After some delay, Jehangir, on the outside, went away followed by Massal, Young Thara and Order, Ashroff lying back. At the three furlongs Massal led, but in the straight Ashroff got through on the rails and beat Order by a length and a half, two lengths. Time—1 min. 22 3-5 secs.

(Winner trained by Owner.)

The totalisator paid Rs. 24-8 for the win and Rs. 11-8, Rs. 15-8 and Rs. 11 for places.

THE DECEMBER PLATE: 4-10 p. m.—Winner Rs, 1,000; second, Rs. 300; third, Rs. 200. For Horses which have not won a flat race value Rs. 1,100 or over since 31st March 1909. Distance 5 furlongs:—

Mr. G. K.'s Huka 9st. 11lbs.....R. Fraser 1
Mr. R. R. S.'s Metal Girl 8st. 13lbs.....McGlone 2
Mr. Homi Billimoria's Bright Metal 9st. 5lbs.....A Ferguson 3

ALSO RAN:—Yvette 8st. 7lbs. Lady Obie 8st. 9lbs.

BETTING:—7 to 4 on Huka; 4 to 1 against Bright Metal and Metal Girl; 6 to 1 Yvette, 10 to 1 Lady Obie.

THE RACE:—All got away together, Lady Obie and Bright Metal falling back behind the other three, Metal Girl and Yvette led from Huka. At the bend Huka drew up to Metal Girl, and in the straight came away easily, won by three lengths, half a length. Time—1 min. 3 2-5 secs.

(Winner trained by Shaik Kassum)

The totalisator paid Rs. 15-8 for the win and Rs. 11-8 and Rs. 14 for places.

ARAB PLATE.—4-40 p. m.—Winner, Rs. 750; second, Rs. 250; third, Rs. 150. For Arabs which have not won a flat race value Rs. 1,000 or over since 31st March, 1909.—Distance 7 furlongs:—

Mr. Ali bin Talib's Money Gold, 8st. 8lbs....Ferguson. 1
Zaid bin Mahomed's Harry Johnson, 8st. 8lbs. Evans. 2
Messrs. M. Goculdass and A. Nanjee's Shawcutt, 9st. 3lbs.....Ames. 3

ALSO RAN:—Bonaparte 7st. 12lbs.; Bashir 8st. 12lbs.; Bunsee 7st. 12lbs.; Submit 7st. 12lbs.; (ed. 8-3); Sardinia 7st. 12lbs.

BETTING:—5 to 4 against Shawcutt; 6 to 4 Money Gold; 5 to 1 Harry Johnson; 10 to 1 Submit and tent and longer odds the rest.

THE RACE:—Money Gold led out together with Bonaparte from Harry Johnson and Submit. The Shawcutt came up third and at the three furlongs Money Gold went away. Round the bend Shawcutt came up, but Money Gold won comfortably. Harry Johnson finishing second. Won by four lengths, one length. Time —1 min. 40 secs.

(Winner trained by Owner).

The totalisator paid Rs. 22-8 for the win and Rs. 10-8, Rs. 11-8 and Rs. 11, for places.

LITTLE ARAB PLATE 5-10 p. m. Winner, Rs. 500; second, Rs. 200; third Rs. 100. For Arabs 13-3 and under which have not won a flat race value Rs, 1,000 or over since 31st March 1909. Distance 5 furlongs.

Mr. M. Goculdass's Kimberley, 9st. 6lbs. ...Ames. 1
Mr. Beg's Creditor, 9st. 9lbs.....Taylor. 2
Abdool bin Essa's Grequa, 7st. 3lbs.....Yusuf. 3

ALSO RAN:—Shihab 8st. 3lbs.; Chichester 9st.; Fairplay 9st.; Dilerjung 9st.; Mezahim 9st.; Happy Land 8st. 5lbs.; Cocaine 8st. 2lbs.

BETTING:—6 to 4 against Creditor and Kimberley; 5 to 1 Grequa; 6 to 1 Shihab; 10 to 1 Chichester and tens and longer odds the rest.

THE RACE:—Happy Land led to the three furlongs from Kimberley, Creditor and Grequa. At the bend Happy Land closed up and Creditor came up, a close race being run up the straight Kimberley was given winner. A head, one length. Time:—1 min. 8 3-5 secs.

(Winner trained by Ali Mahomed.)

The totalisator paid Rs. 36 for the win and Rs. 14-8, Rs. 14-8 and Rs. 15 for places.

THE NOVICE PLATE.—5-40 p. m. Winner Rs. 500; second Rs. 200; third Rs. 100. For Maiden Arabs 14 hands and under.

Mr. Valijee Moosajee's Turkish General, 8st. 5lbs. (ed. 8st. 6lbs).....Evans 1
Mr. Alib in Talib's Soomsam (late Vazir) 9st. 3lbs. Ahmed 2
Mr M. Goculdass's Seven Fifty, 8st. 11lbs....Ames 3

ALSO RAN:—Gold Belt 8st. 11lbs.; Sooltanal Mulook, 9st 3lbs; Zahaf 8st. 5lbs.; Dushant, 8st. 5lbs.; Little Hero, 7st. 13lbs.: Papa 7st. 10lbs.

BETTING:—2 to 1 against Turkish General; 3 to 1 Seven Fifty and Soomsam; 4 to 1 Gold Belt.

THE RACE.—Soomsam led out followed by Seven Fifty. At the three furlongs Turkish General was close up on the rails. Entering the straight Turkish General came along the rails and won easily. Won by four lengths, five lengths. Time—1min. 23 4-5secs.

(Winner trained by Owner,)

The totalisator paid Rs. 23 for the win and Rs. 11-8, Rs. 13-8 and Rs. 13 for places.

CALCUTTA EXTRA MEETING.

Second Day's Events.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 9.

The racing at the Calcutta Second Extra Meeting was of an interesting nature. After the December Plate, Vavasor hardened up for the cup. The attendance was rather thin. The results were as follows:—

HURDLE RACE.—R. C. and a distance over 7 flights.

Mr. Apear's Sequent 11st.....L Hoyt 1
Messrs. Norton and Das's True Love 10st 3lbs..... O McNeilage 2
Mr. Marshall's Kipling 10st. 3lbs.....Mr Evers 3

THE RACE.—Sequent led from start to finish and jumped beautifully, winning by two and a half lengths, three lengths and a half between second and third. Time—3 min. 34 3-5 sec.

The totalizator paid Rs. 17 to the winner.

HARRISON PLATE (six furlongs.)

H. H. Kour Sahib's Waiata, 9st. 3lbs.....Ruiz. 1
Mr. Galstaun's Circus Girl, 7st. 9lbs.....Robinson. 2
Thakur Sripal Singh's The Point, 8ft. 9lbs..Firth. 3

ALSO RAN:—Dulcimer 8-2; Hopscotch 10-3; Ragged Maid 9-0 and Verdigris 7-9.

THE RACE:—Verdigris was badly left at the start. Waiata won by a length and a half, the same distance between second and third. Time.—1 min. 21 1-5 secs.

The totalizator paid Rs. 82 to the winner.

PEEL PLATE (six furlongs).

Mr. R. R. S's Leo Grand, 9st. 8lbs. .....Brown. 1
Mr. Marshall's Hughie, 9st. 8lbs.....Barrett. 2
Mr. Goculdas' Kiora, 8st. 4lbs.....Hoyt. 3

ALSO RAN:—First Bell 8-7; Safety Pin 9-13; Etna 9-1; Master Priam 8-5, and Edwards 8-2.

THE RACE:—The winner led throughout and won by a length and a half, the same distance between second and third. Time—1 mip. 17 2-5 secs.

The Totalizator paid Rs. 15 to the winner.

MAIDEN HORSE PLATE.—(seven furlongs.)

Mr. Roy Chaudhuri's Jemima, 9st. Thoburn } Dead
Mr. Das's John Wesley 8st. 10lbs. Firth } heat

Mr. Mumford's Airman 8st. 3lbs.....Ruiz 3

ALSO RAN:—Chin Chin 8st. 8lbs., Bachelor's Knot 9st., Koonswla 8st. 10lbs., Gold Seeker 8st. 10lbs., Lady Erna 8st 6lbs., Blenheim Orange 8st, 4lbs, Langton 8st. 3lbs.

THE RACE.—Jemima led, but opposite the stand John Wesley challenged her and after a sensational race dead-heated for first place. Two lengths between them and the third.

The totalizator paid Rs. 51 on Jemima and Rs. 29 on John Wesley. Time—1min 29secs.

DECEMBER PLATE.—(Seven furlongs.

Mr. Galstaun's Tangaroa, 9st 7lbs.....Robinson 1
Mr. Garda's Lumination, 9st. 7lbs.....Brown 2
Mr. Apear's Vavasor, 9st. 7lbs.....Hoyt 3

ALSO RAN:—Aborigine 9-7; Last Call 9-7; Eustace 8-7 Sanhedrin 8-4; Collegian 8-4; Black Douglas 8-2: Greenware 8-2; Bomb 7-13; Mill 7-13; Miss Santo 7-3.

THE RACE:—Won easily, leading throughout, by three lengths, a head between second and third. Time—1 min. 28 2-5 secs.

The totalizator paid Rs. 22.

CORINTHIAN PLATE.—(A mile and a half.)

Major Stratton's Parkhill 8-10..... Ruiz 1
Chief of Manavadar's Realm 8-10.....Firth 2
Thakur Sripal Singh's Mayfly IV 8-7... Beaumont 3

ALSO RAN:—Wayward and Wild 9-0; Chrysanthemum 8-10; The Master 8-10; Herald 8-7; Kings Spear 8-4

THE RACE:—Won by three quarters of a length, one length between second and third. Time—2 min. 42 2-5 secs.

THE TRIALS AND CUP.

So far as the Trials are concerned the Books do not offer places, and the betting market is quite dull. Soutline is the only one that is enquired for. The prices offered are 5 to 4 against Soutline, 4 to 1 Prince Rupert and Tangaroa, 5 to 1 Lumination, 10 to 1 Aborigine, and 20 to 1 the rest. Very little business is done on the Viceroy's Cup, Mayfowl still continues to be the nominal favorite at 4 to 1; Aborigine, Vavasor, and Rupert may be had at fives, Black Buck and Last Call at eights, Wavebird tens, Hilarity and Retort twelves, Five Crown, Master Delaval, Maria Farina, and Black Douglas at sixteens.

EXHIBITION OF OLD BOMBAY.

The Stadium.

The Stadium of the Exhibition of Old Bombay has been the scene already of many entertaining events, military and spectacular displays, sports and athletic competitions in interesting variety and perhaps most attractive of all mimic battles which have given vast scope for soldiers and others to be "artistically wild," and undoubtedly they carry out the part with enthusiasm and effect. Only the present concourse of troops in Bombay has made it possible to carry on these Military Exhibitions and miniature wars on such an extensive scale and in a few weeks the various regiments will be returning to their respective stations. Those who have not witnessed these performances will find in them a form of entertainment which has the charm of novelty in Bombay and is interesting alike to all classes of the community. Owing to the ground of the Stadium having seen somewhat cut up by the heavy and continental work the hockey tournament in connection with the Exhibition will take place on the ground of the 96th Berar Infantry, Marine Lines. The first game takes place this afternoon.

THE BANK OF BURMA.

Interests of Bombay Creditors.

We are informed that the negotiations that have been taking place daily between the Committee representing the interests of the Bombay Presidency shareholders and depositors of the Bank of Burma, and the Directors of the Bank in Rangoon, relatives to the selection of liquidators, have now reached a basis of mutual agreement. The settlement definitely arrived at is that Mr. A.F. Ferguson, C. A. of the well-known firm of Bombay accountants, together with Mr. Houldsworth, C. A., of Messrs. Craig, Gardner and Harris of Rangoon, be appointed joint liquidators of the Bank up to the period of the first investigation report being submitted to a general meeting of shareholders, and that meanwhile it is agreed to by the directors that pending submission of the preliminary report to the shareholders' meeting all power delegated to liquidators shall only be exercised jointly.

The Bombay Committee believe that such an arrangement will effectually conserve the interests of all shareholders and depositors of the bank. In case there may be any local shareholders or depositors who have not yet registered their claims, the committee respectfully advise that they would do so as early as possible, addressing the communications to Messrs. Little and Co, Old Secretariat, Fort, the solicitors appointed by the committee. The postponed general meeting at Rangoon, when the directors have undertaken to confirm the above arrangement takes place on the 16th inst.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

SOUTHERN ARMY ORDERS.

The following orders were issued by General Sir Edmund Barrow, G. C. B., Commanding the Southern Army from Headquarters at Ootacamund on December 5:—

94th Russell's Infantry.—Captain T.W.H. Jones, Double Company Officer, 96th Berar Infantry, to be Double Company Commander pro tem, vice Major C. F. Dobbs seconded.

The special attention of all concerned is invited to the Indian Army Act (viii of 1911) and to Rules of Procedure made thereunder, which come into force on the 1st January, 1912. The Rules are published in the extract from the "Gazette of India," Army Department Notification No. 911, dated the 3rd November 1911. General Officers Commanding Divisions and Brigades and their Staff Officers, Officers Commanding Stations, Officers Commanding Native Units, Officers Commanding British Units to which Native details are attached, as also all Officers whose duties involve the administration of Indian Military Law should use every endeavour to make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the provision of the new Act and Rules before the 1st January, 1912, as although both the Act and the Rules have been simplified, they embody principles which are materially different from those contained in the Indian Articles of War and the Rules made thereunder, both of which will cease to have legal validity after the 31st December, 1911.

The troopship Dongola is due to arrive at Bombay, on the 19th December, with some 1,300 troops on board for various parts of India. These include Royal Horse Artillery, and Royal Field Artillery drafts, some details of the Royal Garrison Artillery, and drafts of the Leicestershire Regiment for the 2nd Battalion, Fort St. George, Madras, Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry for the 1st Battalion, Wellington; Border Regiment for the 1st Battalion in Burma Cameron Highlanders for the 2nd Battalion, Bangalore; and the 1st Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, which will move from Tientsin to Mhow, when the political condition of China will permit of it.

RACE TO THE SOUTH POLE.

A Powerful Appeal.

Sir Archibald Geikie and the other members of the Committee of the British Antarctic Expedition, 1910, have issued an appeal for further support for Captain Scott's expedition. They point out that the terrible weather which the Terra Nova met with on the voyage south and the loss of her stores has entailed much additional expense.

It is calculated that after the settlement of these unexpected disbursements, the money remaining in the hands of the Committee will barely suffice for the payment to the end of March, 1912, of the allowances to the wives and relatives of the officers and men of the expedition.

FURTHER FINANCIAL HELP NEEDED.

It is, therefore, clear that further financial help from a generous public is needed on that score alone. But what has in the opinion of the Committee most changed the conditions under which the expedition left England is the fact that the Terra Nova has unexpectedly come across the Norwegian expedition under Captain Amundsen, whose deliberate intention and purpose are to make a dash for the Pole in advance of Scott. Captain Scott's exact intentions in the new circumstances cannot be known, but the Committee feels that this imminent competition must have the effect of producing a very great stimulus to the British expedition, and there is no doubt in their minds that the strength and resources of the entire expedition will now be strained to the utmost in the effort to secure for their country the prize upon which their hearts have been set for so long.

Knowing Captain Scott's determination, the Committee foresees that he will remain in the Antarctic a second year either for a second attempt to gain the Pole if such is necessary, or for the time necessary to make good his intention of doing valuable work for science and the advancement of knowledge by the collection of "data" which can only be acquired in those regions. The only obstacle to this course being pursued is the lack of funds for without them, should Captain Scott remain in the Antarctic, the machinery of the expedition would come to a standstill, the ship could not be maintained, the expedition could not be supplied with the necessary stores and clothing, the officers and men would serve without pay, and their wives or relatives would be left in distress and anxiety of mind and without the financial support which they now receive. The Committee, therefore, appeal for a further sum of £15,000, so that a telegram may be sent before the Terra Nova sails to reassure Captain Scott that the funds will be forthcoming.

On the day that the appeal was published, the Council of the Royal Geographical Society voted a further donation of £1,000 to the expedition.

DR. MAWSON'S EXPEDITION.

Dr. Mawson, in a farewell speech at Adelaide, said that he hoped to clear Hobart by December 2. He expected to hear from Captain Scott in March, who, if he returned, would have been sure to have reached the South Pole. He did not think that the German or Norwegian expeditions would get to the Pole, since their equipment was insufficient.

The Japanese expedition sailed from Sydney, on Nov. 17. The Commander left a letter addressed to Captain Scott to the effect that he intended to land near Captain Amundsen's winter quarters and thence to explore southward. The letter concluded:—"Should it be our good fortune to meet, we shall do so in the friendly spirit characteristic of the cordial relations existing between the two great nations which we represent."

Lieutenant Heneage C. Legge, R. N., of H. M. S. "Medina" has proceeded on leave, and is now at Calicut, on a visit to his brother, Mr. Legge of Messrs. Best and Co.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS:—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural, quiet sleep, by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes "as bright as a button." It soothes the child, it softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa, whether arising from teething

BY THE WAY.

BELIEFS AND SUPERSTITIONS OF MOROCCANS.

It seems that superstitions are much the same among the Moroccan peasants as with ourselves, and not only so, but they believe in the same means of prevention. Among some of the prejudices enumerated by the late Dr. Manchamp, and cited by a Paris contemporary, we find the owl named as a portent of evil. The howl of a dog at night portends a death. Buzzing in the ears is a sign of being talked about, the offender, or the contrary, as the case may be, being the first person thought of. Itching of the right hand is believed to foretell the receipt of money, while the left indicates paying away or loss. The Moroccan will never give to a friend a knife, a dagger, needles, or scissors. To break a looking glass is a sign of ill-luck to the house. Verily, observes our contemporary, it seems a work of supererogation to set about civilising, however peacefully, a people whose sentiments are so in accord with the greater part of Europe.

CHARACTER FROM LAUGHTER.

Laughter is an excellent thing when it is spontaneous and natural, but of late years a generation of spurious laughters has arisen. Spurred on by such admonitions as "Laugh and the world laughs with you; weep and you weep alone," people eager for the popularity which is accorded to the jolly person have consciously cultivated a curious kind of cachinnation which does duty for laughter. A certain type of modern man finds a "breezy" manner and a Brobdingnagian laugh invaluable in achieving business deals. Such manifestations of geniality and good nature tend to disarm suspicion and to invite confidence. No one ever suspects a fat jovial man of having committed dark and dreadsome crimes; whereas the morose sad man is immediately marked out for suspicion. "He looks as if he had committed a murder," people whisper to each other, although the poor soul is probably only suffering from an attack of indigestion.

A TRAGEDY RECALLED.

A glimpse of the life of the unfortunate Empress Charlotte, whose husband, Maximilian of Mexico, met so tragic a fate in the sixties of last century, is given by a Paris contemporary. The Empress, a sister of the late King of the Belgians, takes a daily walk in the grounds of her house near Brussels leaning on the arm of one of the ladies of the household. Despite her three-score and eleven years she is still erect, and walks with ease. In fact, her health is much better now than formerly. She does not speak much, but she reads a great deal—romances, works of history, and newspapers. Recently the King and Queen of the Belgians paid an improvised visit to the ex-Empress, who received her relatives affectionately and chatted with them for a long time.

HOW TO ROOT ROSE CUTTINGS.

The present time, says a Home paper, is the proper time to take rose cuttings and nothing but the hardest wood is used. Soft, pithy branches are discarded, and there are no other precautions necessary, except to trim off any leaves that may remain, and see that there is a bud or two well down towards the bottom of the cuttings. Such is the advice given by the "smallholders." The cuttings are usually made about one foot in length. The soil should be well worked up and of a sandy texture; the planting should take place after a rain when possible. The cuttings are usually planted four inches apart in the rows, and the rows themselves one foot apart, thereby giving room to cultivate the soil.

PLAYERS' LOT IN GERMANY.

As in other countries, the lot of the members of the lower grades of the theatrical profession in Germany is often a very hard one, and an Imperial Commission has been appointed to investigate into their position, find out what reforms are advisable, and enforce them in the form of a Bill which will be submitted to the Reichstag, to become law all over Germany. The Commission will begin its work early next month, and it will investigate the wages, hours, contracts, and fines of the lower-rate actor and music-hall artist, ascertain under what terms agents find them engagements, and frame a Bill which will improve all these conditions.

UP-TO-DATE SOMALIS.

In the course of an official report on British and Italian Somaliland, an American writer states that at the coast towns, where labourers and petty traders from Aden had congregated in anticipations of an expedition, many Somalis, discarding the tobe, which within the last 20 years has replaced the kiran, or tasselled girdle of tanned skins, dressed in Arab or semi-European garb and footgear, noticeably-coloured loin cloths, turbans, waistcoats, and hemp-soled shoes, and a great number have become addicted to smoking tobacco, a practice formerly confined to the Iseo and Gadabursi tribesmen. The umbrella, an anomally along-side a camel caravan, is coming into general use. Blankets are now a necessity, whereas formerly the hard ground and the sleepers' tobe wrapped round his body were considered adequate comfort and protection against any weather; to ignite a fire the "madag," or tinder from the friction of two sticks sufficied, but in these days the nomad required kerosene and matches for the purpose.

BAWBEE LITIGATION.

Sheriff Blair has decided at Dumbarton Small Debt Court an action where a local artisan sought return of a halfpenny car fare from the tramway company. The case originated with an unusual act of the tramway officials one morning at the breakfast hour, when, as a lesson to some rowdy boys on top, a heavily laden workmen's car was run off the direct route in the direction of the depot. They claimed that this was done with the object of bringing the car to the nearest point to the police office for the purpose of making a complaint, but before this could be done the trolley was taken off the wire. The men were greatly inconvenienced, as they had to cover the remaining half-mile or so on foot. The Sheriff refused to decide the question of breach of contract, but granted decree for 1-2 d., with 7s. 1d. expenses.

WIFE OF CANADA'S PREMIER.

The wife of Canad's Premier is always an important factor in the social life of the Dominion. Mrs. Borden, one learns from "Canada," was born at Halifax, Nova Scotia. Her maiden name was Laura Bond, she being the youngest daughter of the late Mr. T. H. Bond. Both her parents were of English extraction, her mother, whose maiden name was Catherine Tregellis Atkinson, being a descendant of an old Cornish family. With the exception of the past four years, when she has resided in Ottawa, Mrs. Borden has lived all her life in the city where she was born and educated. It was on September 25, 1889, that she was married to Mr. Borden. All along she has taken a keen and practical interest in political affairs, and she is credited with having contributed not a little to her husband's success, both politically and socially, throughout the Dominion.

ENGLISH TOBACCO.

The cultivation of tobacco plants in England for ornamental purposes has been successfully undertaken by gardeners for some years, but it is only recently that attempts, on any appreciable scale, have been made to cultivate tobacco as a commercial crop. Visitors to the recent Royal Horticultural Society's Exhibition had an opportunity of seeing cured leaves of the first Virginian tobacco ever grown in England. These were shown by special permission of the Customs authorities by Major G.F. Whitmore, Methwold, Norfolk. The plants, "Country Life" states, had been grown on rough peat land which hitherto has refused to grow anything of value except poor crops of lucerne. In addition to the whole leaves, samples of cut tobacco of various grades and ready for smoking were shown.

EARTHQUAKES IN ENGLAND.

Apparently the earthquake that caused such panic in Germany was quite reasonable. A comparison of the recorded dates of earthquakes seems to show that they have occurred most frequently in the winter half of the year. Three-fifths of those chronicled in France took place during the winter months, and the proportion seems more marked in Switzerland, while the same same law has been observed with regard to earthquakes in Britain. The most severe of the 260 earthquakes recorded in England, were those at Lincoln in 1142, at Glastonbury in 1274, when the original abbey was destroyed; and the shocks of 1580, which damaged Old St. Paul's and the Temple Church, and of 1750, which frightened to death the poetaster, Aaron Hill. Of recent years the most serious English earthquake was that of 1884, which did considerable damage throughout East Essex, but luckily caused no loss of life.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES.

A REMARKABLE GRAFT.

A paragraph in the papers announces that an American horticulturist has succeeded in grafting a tomato on a potato. As a matter of fact, however, this curious vegetable union was successfully accomplished in this country some 14 or 15 years ago by Mr. Sutton, of the well-known Reading firm. When a tomato shoot was grafted on a potato stock the compound plant bore potatoes underground and tomatoes above. When, however, a tomato plant was cut down and grafted with a potato shoot, little green potatoes were produced in the axils of the leaves. In a French work on grafting, "L'Art de Greffer," it is also claimed that M. Balfet, jun., grafted a tomato on a potato. In the same work it is stated that M. Carriere had grafted the tomato on the Bittersweet or Woody Nightshade of our hedges. It will be noted that potato, tomato, and nightshade are all species of Solanum.

WASPS AND THEIR WAYS.

Some interesting notes on the habits of the wasp are given by M. E. Murray, in a letter to "Country Life." Two summers ago, he tells us, he saw dozens of queen wasps come to the flowers of his raspberry bushes, and "enjoying the honey of the blossoms like bees." This is an interesting addition to our list of wasp flowers. Darwin remarked that so far as he had seen wasps seek nectar in this country only from Epipactis latifolia, the figwort, Snowberry and the Torch lily, or Red-hot-poker of our gardens. For Italy Delpino gave the same list, with the omission of the last named. But in addition to these may be mentioned gooseberry, ivy, fuchsia, parsley, fennel, cow-parsnip, and evening primrose as flowers occasionally or frequenttly visited by wasps for nectar.

INTOXICATED?

Another curious fact in the history of the wasp is noted by the same observer. On a pear tree he found that the wasps had eaten the fruit till little more than mere shells remained. When these fell they were found stuffed full of wasps. One of them he turned over with a stick, and, as he writes, "The wasps fell out in a ball, which divided into smaller balls, rolling and tumbling about; the grass became covered with wasps which could not fly or walk straight, perfectly tipsy and sticky with pear." This apparent intoxication of the wasp on over-ripe fruit has been noticed by other observers, and it is a remarkable point in its history. After a while they are found to recover and fly away.

WHAT IS THE CAUSE?

Two interesting questions suggest themselves. Why do the normally hard-working wasps thus neglect their duty of carrying food to the hungry young in the nest, and what do they find in the fruit to produce this apparent intoxication? Watching the busy coming and going at the entrance of a wasp's nest we are convinced that each worker wasp starts out with the intention of foraging, and returning with some load of provisions, to the nest. And most of them seem to do so. Are those that tarry in the pear or plum only the black-sheep of the colony? Or are they industriously minded individuals accidentally overcome? To explain their state of apparent intoxication, it has been suggested that the sweet juice of the fruit has been partially fermented into alcohol. Thus in the over-ripe pear the wasps would be enjoying a sort of natural perry. On the other hand, it may be that a surfait of ripe fruit itself is sufficient to produce a sort of stupefaction.

ANCIENT SEA-CUCUMBERS.

The discovery by Mr. C. D. Walcott, in the Middle Cambrian rocks of British Columbia of some entire Holothurians is of special interest. For hitherto these organisms have not been represented in the geological record except by scattered spicules, and plates of calcareous matter more or less certainly referred to them. By means of these their geological history was traced back as far as the Carboniferous. The Holothurians are best known as the Sea-cucumbers and the Beches-de-mer, so highly esteemed in China as an article of diet. They are described as "the most worm-like of all the Echinoderms," and are placed at the top of this great division of the animal kingdom, and hence next the worms. Mr. Jeffrey Bell, however, in the "Annals and Magazine of Natural History," has suggested that they are the primitive form of the great Star-fish and Sea-Urchin group.

SCIENCE AND ADULTERATION.

The progress of science has been utilised not only for the improvement of our food, but also for its adulteration. And year by year the latter seems to be more skilfully carried out, and more difficult of detection. Hence it seems well to draw attention to some simple tests for the purity of common articles of diet given in a recent issue of the "Scientific American." They can be carried out by anyone, and if systematically practised, would probably do more to stamp out fraud than many Acts of Parliament and multitudes of food inspectors.

BUTTER OR MARGARINE.

Who in these days knows whether he is eating butter or margarine, or what foreign substances he is getting in his coffee? Here are the simple tests recommended by the "Scientific American" as regards the former. Heat the supposed butter in a spoon over a spirit lamp. Good fresh butter boils quietly, forming a number of small foamy bubbles. Margarine, and most samples of made-up butter, crackle and splutter like green sticks in a fire. Or put the sample in a bottle with warm water to melt for 30 minutes. If the water becomes cloudy it is margarine, if it remains clear, it is butter.

A HUXLEY STORY.

There was appropriateness in Professor von Luschau's choice of subject in "The Early Inhabitants of Western Australia" for his Huxley Memorial Lecture in mail week. During his early Australian voyage in the "Rattle-snake" the scientist never lost an opportunity of going ashore. At Cape York he formed one of a landing-party which came within an ace of a fight with the natives. A portly member of the gunroom, who was cut off by these swarthy gentry, only saved his life by parting with all his clothes, and keeping his captors amused by dancing in a state of nature under a broiling sun, until his companions came to relieve him. On another occasion Huxley received some unwelcome attentions from a native chief, who saw in him the returning spirit of his dead brother. It was in Australia, too, that Huxley found his wife-to-be.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY MAJOR T. A. SAVAGE, V. D.

Bombay, 11th December.

1115. Parade—Regimental Orders Nos. 1103 and 1104 of 8th instant are hereby cancelled. The Battalion will not parade to-day, Monday, the 11th, and to-morrow, Tuesday the 12th instant.

Wednesday the 13th instant—Commanding Officer's parade. Fall in at Sir Richard Temple's Statue at 6 p.m.

Dress—Drill Order, Uniform, with caps.

1116. Maxim Gun. Instructional Class will be held at Head-Quarters, Council Road, on Wednesday the 13th instant at 7-30 a. m.

1117. Musketry—The Range at Ghat Kopar is allotted for Class-firing as follows:—(For all Class-firing members will take their sidearms to the Range).

Tuesday, the 12th inst. "A" Coy. Practice.
Wednesday, the 13th inst. "G" Coy.
Thursday, the 14th inst. "D" Coy.
Friday, the 15th inst. "F" Coy.
Saturday, the 16th inst. "C" Coy. (Practice).

Train leaves Victoria Terminus at 6-10 a.m.

1118.—A Proficiency Class will be started early, those wishing to appear this season should submit their names to the Adjutant at once.

1119. Medals—Applications for Volunteer Long Service Medal should reach Adjutant's Office by the 15th instant.

1120. Enrolments.—The undernamed having been re-enrolled are taken on the strength of the corps and posted to companies as follows:—

No. 4466 Vol E, G. Craig, "C" Coy.
No. 6115 Cyclist I. Weatherall, "E" Coy.

E. G. J. BYRNE, Captain,
Adjt. B. V. R.

NOTICE.

Ride Club matches 25 to 28 will be fired at Ghat Kopar on Saturday, the 30th instant, by train leaving Victoria Terminus at 6-10 a.m.

I V R A matches 5 and 6 will be open on this day.

The Adjutant's Office will be closed on Tuesday, the 12th December, 1911, being a Public Holiday.

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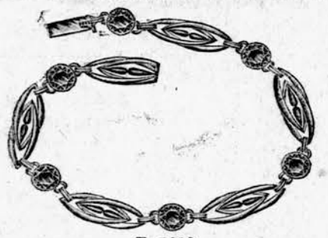

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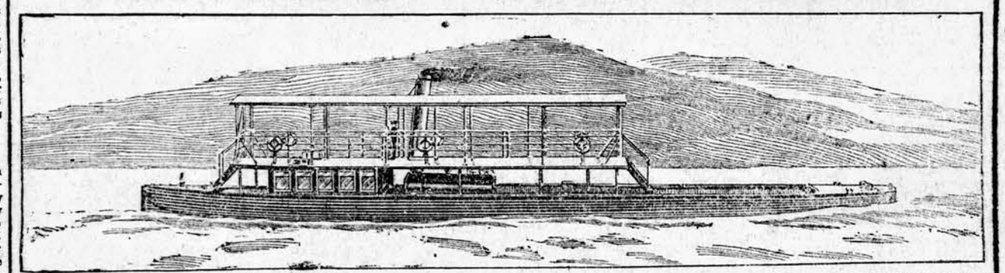

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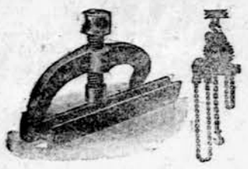

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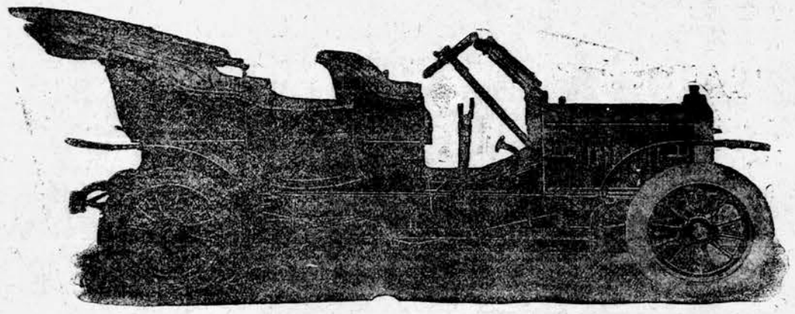

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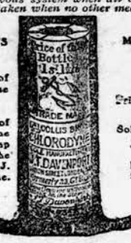

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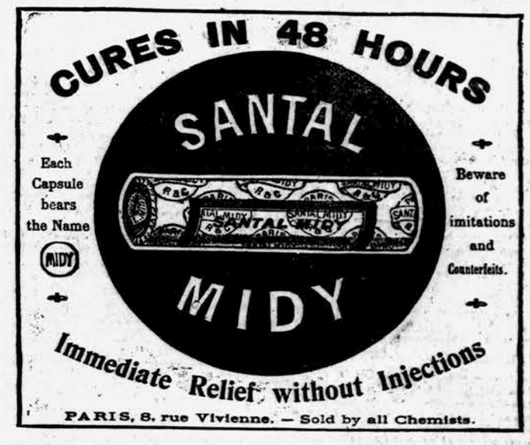
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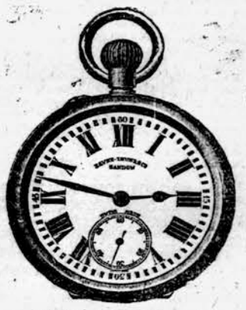

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